EXTRACTS

FROM THE

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OF THE

PROVINCIAL CONGRESS

OF

SOUTH-CAROLINA,

Held at Charles-Town, November 1st to November 29, 1775.

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SOUTH-CAROLINA:

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LIST of the Members of the Second PROVINCIAL CONGRESS of South-Carolina, begun and holden at Charles-Town on the 1st Day of November, 1775.

For CHARLES-TOWN.

COL. Cha. Pinckney
Roger Smith
John Edwards
Peter Leger
Hon. H. Middleton
Thomas Corbett
Daniel Cannon
Geo. Abbot Hall
Tho. Heyward, jun
Peter Bouquet
Paul Townſend
} Eſquires.

Col. Henry Laurens
Michael Kalteiſen
Peter Bacot
Thomas Savage
} Eſqrs.

Col. Chriſt. Gadſden
John Neufville
William Johnſon
Arthur Middleton
Edward Rutledge
} Eſqrs.

Peter Timothy
Joſeph Verree
Edward Weyman
Cato Aſh
James Brown
Anthony Toomer
John Berwick
Alexander Gillon
Robert W. Powell
} Eſquires.

For *Chriſt-Church* Pariſh.

John Rutledge
Clement Lempriere
Arn. Vanderhorſt
} Eſqrs.

Gabriel Capers
Iſaac Legaré
John Boone
} Eſqrs.

For St. *John's, Berkley County.*

Job Marion, Elias Ball, jun. and Maurice Simons, Esqrs.
James Cordes, jun. John Cordes and James Ravenell, Esqrs.

For St. *Andrew's.*

Col. Thomas Fuller, William Scott and Thomas Bee, Esqrs.
William Cattell, Benjamin Stone and Isaac Rivers, Esqrs.

For St. *George's, Dorchester.*

David Oliphant, Benjamin Waring and John Mathewes, Esqrs.
Richard Waring, Richard Walter and [illegible], Esqrs.

For St. *James's, Goose-Creek.*

Col. Thomas Fuller, John Parker, Benjamin Smith and John Izard, Esqrs.
John Wright, Thomas Middleton, Son of Henry, Esqrs.

For St. *Thomas* and St. *Dennis.*

James Akin, John Huger and William Parker, Esqrs.
Isaac Harleston, Thomas Shubrick and Joseph Fogartie, Esqrs.

For St. *Paul's.*

Thomas Ferguson, Benjamin Elliott and Charles Elliott, Esqrs.
Robert Ladson, George Haig and John M'Queen, Esqrs.

For St. *Bartholomew's.*

Hon. R. Lowndes, Esq; Col. James Parsons and William Skirving, Esq;
Philip Smith, James Skirving and Thomas Osborn, Esqrs.

For

For St. *Helena.*

Thomas Rutledge, John Barnwell, Daniel Heyward } Esqrs.
John Joiner, Esq; Col. William Moultrie, Daniel de Sauſſure, Esq.

For St. *James's, Santee.*

Col. Daniel Horry, Paul Douxſaint, Thomas Horry } Esqrs.
Thomas Lynch, Capers Boone, Jacob Motte } Esqrs.

For *Prince George's, Winyah.*

Thomas Lynch, Elias Horry, jun., Benjamin Huger } Esqrs.
Joſeph Allſton, Paul Trapier, jun., Benjamin Young } Esqrs.

For *Prince Frederick's.*

Theo. Gaillard, jun., Thomas Port, Anthony White } Esqrs.
Benjamin Screven, Arch. M'Donald, John James, ſen. } Esqrs.

For St. *John's, Colleton County.*

William Gibbes, Char. C. Pinckney, Thomas Evance } Esqrs.
Thomas Tucker, Benjamin Jenkins, Ralph Izard } Esqrs.

For St. *Peter's.*

Col. Stephen Bull, W. Williamſon, Gideon Dupont } Esqrs.
Thomas Middleton Son of William, Philotheos Chiffelle, William Briſbane } Esqrs.

For *Prince William's.*

Col. Benjamin Garden, Col. Iſaac Motte, John Bull, Esq; } Esqrs.
William Bull, Iſaac Macpherſon, William Harden } Esqrs.

For

For St. *Stephen's*.

John Gaillard, Philip Porcher, Peter Sinckler } Esqrs.
Charles Cantey, Hezekiah Maham, Joseph Palmer } Esqrs.

For the District Eastward of *Wateree* River.

Col. Richard Richardson, W. Richardson } Esqrs.
Joseph Kershaw, Matthew Singleton, Thomas Sumpter, Aaron Loocock } Esquires.
Geo. Douglass } Esqrs.
Rev. William Tennent
James Bradley, Wm. Massey } Esqrs.

For *Ninety-Six* District.

Col. James Mayson, And. Williamson, Le-Roy Hammond, Patrick Calhoun } Esqrs.
Richard Rapley, Francis Salvador } Esqrs
Col. Champness Terry
Rev. John Harris
Col. John-Lewis Gervais
William Moore, Esq.

For *Saxe-Gotha* District.

Hon. W. H. Drayton, Benjamin Farrar, William Arthar } Esqrs.
Henry Patrick, Ralph Humphries, Jacob Richmond } Esqrs.

For the District between *Broad* & *Saludy* Rivers.

Col. John Thomas
Col. William Wofford
Michael Leitner, Esq;
Col. John Lisle
Wm. Henderson, Esq;
Jonas Beard, John Prince } Esqrs.

For

For the Diſtrict between *Broad* & *Catawba* Rivers.

John Winn
John Nixon
William Lang
William Barrow
William Howell
} Eſquires.

William Lee
Thomas Taylor
John Turner
William Strother
Henry Hunter
} Eſquires.

For the *New-Acquiſition*.

Wiliam Byers
James Carſon
Robert M'Afee
Ezekiel Polk
Joſeph Howe
William M'Culloch
John Howe
Francis Adams
} Eſquires.

Thomas Neel
Joſeph Woods
Samuel Watſon
Francis Roſs
Thomas Janes
Alexander Love
Robert Dickey
} Eſquires.

For St. *Matthew's*.

Col. Tacitus Gaillard
Rev. Paul Turquand
John Caldwell, Eſq;

Simon Berwick
Henry Felder
William Flood
} Eſqrs.

For St. *David's*.

Col. Geo. Gab. Powell
Claudius Pegues
H. W. Harrington
} Eſqs

Alex. M'Intoſh
Samuel Wiſe
Col. George Pawley
} Eſqrs.

For the Diſtrict between *Savannah* River and the North Fork of *Ediſto*.

James Wilſon
Andrew Cumming
George Robinſon
} Eſqrs.

John Sally
John Collins
James Jones
} Eſqrs.

For the District between *Broad & Catawba* Rivers.

John Winn	Esqrs.	William Lee	Esqrs.
John Nixon		Thomas Taylor	
William Lang		John Turner	
William Barrow		William Strother	
William Howell		Henry Hunter	

For the *New-Acquisition*.

William Byers	Esqrs.	Thomas Neel	Esqrs.
James Carson		Joseph Woods	
Robert M'Afee		Samuel Watson	
Ezekiel Polk		Francis Ross	
Joseph Howe		Thomas Jones	
William M'Culloch		Alexander Love	
John Howe		Robert Dickey	
Francis Adams			

For St. *Matthew's*.

Col. Tacitus Gaillard		Simon Berwick	Esqrs.
Rev. Paul Turquand		Henry Felder	
John Caldwell, Esq.		William Flood	

For St. *Dennis's*.

Col. Geo. Gab. Powell		Alex. M'Intosh	Esqrs.
Claudius Pegues	Esqs.	Samuel Wise	
H. W. Harrington		Col. George Pawley	

For the District between *Savannah* River and the North Fork of *Edisto*.

James Wilson	Esqrs.	John Sally	Esqrs.
Andrew Cumming		John Collins	
George Robinson		James Jones	

At the First Seſſion of the Second PROVINCIAL CONGRESS of *South-Carolina*, begun and holden at the State-Houſe in *Charles-Town*, on *Wedneſday*, the First of *November*, 1775.

The Hon. WILLIAM-HENRY DRAYTON was choſen Preſident,

And PETER TIMOTHY, Secretary.

On Motion,

RESOLVED,

THAT the thanks of this Congreſs be returned to Col. HENRY LAURENS, Preſident of the late Congreſs, for his unwearied diligence, application, and merit in the diſcharge of the duties of that office.

Thanks were accordingly returned from the chair.

The names of the Delegates were then called over.

The Inhabitants of the pariſh of St. Thomas and St. Dennis having choſen Iſaac Harleſton, Eſq;

one of their repreſentatives, ſubſequent to the general election, in the room of the Rev. Robert Smith, who had been choſen at the ſaid general election, and had declined ſerving: and it appearing that the ſaid election of Mr. Harleſton was publickly and fairly conducted, the Congreſs approved thereof, and Mr. Harleſton took his ſeat.

RESOLVED,

That the Church-wardens for the pariſh of St. Paul be deſired forthwith to ſummon the inhabitants of the ſaid pariſh, to meet on Monday next, at the uſual place of election, then and there to elect a repreſentative to ſerve in the preſent Congreſs, in the room of William Skirving, Eſq; who, having been elected in the pariſhes of St. Bartholomew and St. Paul, made his election for the former.

RESOLVED,

That the Church-wardens of the pariſh of St John, Berkley-County, be deſired forthwith to ſummon the inhabitants of the ſaid pariſh, to meet on Monday next, at the uſual place of election, then and there to proceed to chuſe a repreſentative to ſerve in the preſent Congreſs, in the room of Edward Harleſton, Eſq; deceaſed.

RESOLVED,

That the Church-wardens of the Pariſh of St. John, Colleton-County, be deſired forthwith to ſummon the inhabitants of the ſaid pariſh, to meet

on

Monday next, at the uſual place of election, then and there to proceed to the choice of a repreſentative to ſerve in the preſent Congreſs, in the room of Thomas Legarè, jun. Eſq; who has declined ſerving.

RESOLVED,

That the Church-wardens of the pariſh of St. James, Santee, be deſired forthwith to ſummon the inhabitants of the ſaid pariſh to meet at the uſual place of election, on Wedneſday the 15th inſt. (Nov.) then and there to elect a repreſentative to ſerve in the preſent Congreſs, in the room of Edward Jerman and Jacob Motte, Eſqrs, who were returned as having equal votes.

ORDERED,

That the Secretary do deliver copies of the four preceding reſolves to the deputies of the ſeveral pariſhes therein reſpectively mentioned, that the elections thereby ordered may be proceeded in without delay.

Information being given to the Congreſs, that Capt. Robert Cunningham, charged with high crimes and miſdemeanours againſt the liberties of America, had been taken into cuſtody and brought to town by Capt. Bejamin Tutt.

ORDERED,

That Capt. Tutt be deſired to attend the Congreſs at five o'clock this evening.

Col. Laurens, Preſident of the late Congreſs, delivered all the aſſociation papers which had been ſigned and depoſited in his hands, into thoſe of the Hon. William Henry Drayton, his ſucceſſor.

Adjourned to five o'clock in the afternoon.

In CONGRESS.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 1775. P. M.

The Congreſs met according to adjournment.

Capt. Tutt attended according to order, and related the cauſe and manner of his having taken and brought Robert Cunningham to Charles-Town.

An affidavit of Capt. John Caldwell, taken before Richard Rapley, Eſq; at Ninety-ſix, Oct. 23, 1775, which juſtified the meaſure, was produced and read.

ORDERED,

That the thanks of this Congreſs be returned to Captain Tutt for his ſervice; and alſo to the ſeveral perſons who accompanied him.

RESOLVED,

That all the expences of bringing the ſaid Robert Cunningham to town, be defrayed by the public.

ORDERED,

ORDERED,

That Capt. Charles Coteſworth Pinckney, Capt. William Cattell, and Mr. Thomas Heyward, jun. be a Committee to collect the charges againſt Capt. Robert Cunningham; and to draw up a ſtate of his offences againſt the peace and liberties of America.

ORDERED,

That Capt. Robert Cunningham be forthwith brought before this Congreſs.

And being brought before the Congreſs accordingly, and queſtioned by the Preſident, he replied, "That he could not deny, that he had made uſe of expreſſions ſomewhat like thoſe mentioned in Capt. Caldwell's affidavit, which had juſt been read to him,—That he believed Capt. Caldwell had not perjured himſelf,—and that, though he did not conſider himſelf as bound by the late treaty at Ninety-ſix, yet he ſince had conſtantly behaved himſelf as peaceably as any man,—and although he had opinions, he had not expreſſed them but when asked."

ORDERED,

That Mr. Preſident do immediately iſſue his warrant, for committing the ſaid Cunningham to ſafe cuſtody, in the common gaol of Charles-Town.

And the following warrant was accordingly iſſued:

In

In PROVINCIAL CONGRESS.

SOUTH-CAROLINA.

To the Sheriff *of* Charles-Town *District, or his Deputy; or to the Keeper of the Common Gaol in* Charles-Town.

YOU are hereby commanded and required to receive into your cuſtody in the common gaol, and there ſafely keep until further order, the body of Robert Cunningham, *herewith ſent to you, charged with high crimes and miſdemeanours againſt the Liberties of this colony: and for ſo doing this is your Warrant.*

Given under my hand and ſeal, at *Charles-Town*, this 1ſt day of November, 1775.

By order of the Congreſs,

WILLIAM-HENRY DRAYTON, Preſident.

ORDERED,

That Thomas Grimball, Eſq; the Sheriff of Charles-Town Diſtrict be ſummoned to attend this Congreſs immediately.

Mr. Sheriff Grimball attended accordingly.

ORDERED,

That the Sheriff be directed to afford the ſaid Robert Cunningham every reaſonable and neceſſary accommodation, at the public charge: But that he do not ſuffer the ſaid Cunningham, to converſe or correſpond with any perſon whatever, or to have

have the uſe of pen, ink or paper, unleſs by expreſs leave from the Congreſs, or authority derived from them.

Read a letter from the Committee at Little-River, dated 23d October, 1775.

ORDERED,

That the ſaid letter be referred to a Committee of the following gentlemen, viz. Mr. William Parker, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Elias Horry, Mr. Trapier, Mr. Allſton, and Mr. Young.

ORDERED,

That the members of the late Council of Safety be a Committee to adjuſt and ſettle all outſtanding accounts againſt the public—and that they report thereon to this Congreſs.

ORDERED,

That Col. Pinckney, Col. Laurens, Col. Richardſon, Mr. Arthur Middleton, Mr. Ferguſon, Col. Bull, Capt. C. C. Pinckney, Mr. Harrington, Mr. Kerſhaw and Mr. Cannon, be a Committee to report upon the ſtate of the colony; and the proper meaſures which ought to be purſued, for putting the ſame into the beſt poſture of defence—And that the ſaid Committee do ſit without loſs of time.

ORDERED,

ORDERED,

That the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury do report to this Congreſs a ſtate of the Colony Treaſury.

On Motion,

RESOLVED,

That every member who attends the ſervice of the publie in the preſent Congreſs, be intitled to receive, during ſuch attendance, forty ſhillings currency, *per diem*, upon his application to the Treaſurers, during the preſent ſitting, or within three days thereafter.

ORDERED,

That the Colony Treaſurers be ſerved with a copy of the above Reſolution, by the Secretary.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

In CONGRESS.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 1775.

The Congreſs met according to adjournment.

And the journals of yeſterday were read.

Col. Laurens, delivered up to his ſucceſſor in the chair, all the letters, papers, &c. which had come

come into his hands, as President of the late Congress, President of the Council of Safety, and Chairman of the General Committee.

Col. Laurens also delivered in a letter from Capt. Edward Thornbrough, commander of his Majesty's sloop Tamer, which he found at his house last night, addressed to himself, and therefore opened, but found to be of a public nature.

RESOLVED,

That the Members of Congress be required to give the most diligent attendance on the public business during the present sitting: And that no member do depart without leave from the chair.

RESOLVED,

That the order of the late Congress, that no member speak more than twice in any debate upon one point, without leave, be strictly observed.

Read the letter from Capt. Thornbrough, dated "From on board his Majesty's sloop Tamar, 1st November, 1775."

TO HENRY LAURENS, Esquire.

From on board his Majesty's Sloop Tamer, the 1st of November, 1775.

SIR,

THE many unprovoked insults the King's servants in this province have received, from those *Assemblies* who have had the hardiness to assume

the reigns of government, are too numerous, and too well known, to make it neceſſary for me to mention them. I will confine myſelf entirely to what relates to my own department, and the truſt repoſed in me.

I therefore addreſs you, Sir, as a principal actor in the meaſures now adopted, and deſire you will acquaint your aſſociates, and all others whom it may concern, that if his Majeſty's Agents in Charles-Town, are not permitted, regularly and without moleſtation, to ſupply the King's ſhips Tamer and Cherokee, under my command, with ſuch proviſions as I think neceſſary to demand, I am determined, from this day, not to ſuffer any veſſel to enter into, or depart from Charles-Town, that it is in my power to prevent. The bearer of this, is owner of a veſſel, who has unloaded materials at the King's fort, which is now held in contempt and defiance of his Majeſty's authority; and whatever pretexts this man may uſe to colour his diſloyalty, I never will ſuffer his veſſel to depart, till Walker, the gunner of the King's fort, now a priſoner at the barracks, and who I look upon as under my protection, is ſent on board the Tamer.—Savages ought to bluſh at the return the King's ſervants have received, for their humanity to one of the moſt infamous and moſt ungrateful of *Villains*, in whoſe ſervice this poor man has ſuffered. I am, Sir,

Your obedient and moſt humble ſervant,

EDWARD THORNBROUGH.

N. B.

N. B. I deſire an immediate and explicit anſwer.

ORDERED,

That Capt. Wanton be ſummoned to attend this Congreſs immediately.

He attended accordingly,—and gave a very circumſtantial account of his detention by the man of war, his being ſent away for St. Auguſtine,—the putting of George Walker, late Gunner of Fort Johnſon (a priſoner, and on his parole to Col. Moultrie) on board his veſſel, and the landing of the ſaid Walker in Georgia.

The Secretary delivered in a return from Thomas Grimball, Eſq; Sheriff of Charles-Town diſtrict,—and alſo a letter from Edward Martin, Eſq; Sheriff of George-Town diſtrict,—which he had received, in conſequence of the circular letter by him written to all the Sheriffs, on the 25th ult. by order of the General Committee.

Mr. Kerſhaw from the Committee to ſtate to this Congreſs a proper recompence to be given to Capt. Tutt, &c. reported. Whereupon it was

RESOLVED,

That the ſum of eight hundred and twenty-five pounds currency be paid to the ſaid Capt. Tutt, to be diſtributed as follows, viz. three hundred pounds to himſelf (out of which all expences incurred to be defrayed) one hundred and fifty pounds to Lieut.

Robert Bryant,—and ſeventy-five pounds to each of the following privates, viz. James Courſey, Joſeph Reed, Ezekiel Williams, Richard Tutt, and Richard Doggett: And that a handſome ſcymitar be alſo purchaſed and preſented to Capt. Tutt.

An order was accordingly drawn upon the Treaſury for the payment of the ſaid ſum of eight hundred and twenty-five pounds to Capt. Tutt,—and he was at the ſame time preſented with a ſcymitar.

Upon an application in behalf of Mr. Cunningham, that he might be permitted to write a letter, and that he might obtain certain neceſſaries, the following order was drawn, viz.

In Congreſs, South-Carolina.

To the Sheriff *of* Charles-Town Diſtrict, *or his Deputy, or to the Keeper of the Common Gaol in* Charles-Town.

YOU *are hereby commanded to admit Captain* Tutt *and Mr.* Gervais *to converſe with the priſoner* Robert Cunningham; *in order that the ſaid* Cunningham *may write a letter, to be brought to me by Mr.* Tutt *and Mr.* Gervais. *You are alſo required to permit Mr.* Gervais *to furniſh Mr.* Robert Cunningham *with ſuch linen and caſh as Mr.* Gervais *ſhall think proper.*

By Order of the Congreſs,

WILLIAM-HENRY DRAYTON, Preſident.

Charles-Town, Nov. 2, 1775.

ORDERED,

ORDERED,

That Mr. Preſident be deſired to prepare an anſwer to Capt. Thornbrough's letter, and lay the ſame before the Congreſs to-morrow morning.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

In CONGRESS.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1775.

The Congreſs met according to adjournment.

And the journals of yeſterday were read.

Mr. George Douglas, who had been elected a proviſional repreſentative for the diſtrict eaſtward of Wateree, in caſe Captain Robert Patton ſhould not ſerve for that diſtrict, attended the Congreſs; and Capt. Patton being ſick, Mr. Douglas was ordered to take his ſeat in the room of ſaid Patton.

On motion.

RESOLVED,

That during the preſent ſitting of this Congreſs, the doors be kept ſhut.

A new return of Delegates for the New Acquiſition, was this day made, whereby Capt. William Byers, Mr. William M'Culloch, Lieutenant Samuel Watſon, Mr. James Carſon, Mr. John Howe,

Howe, Capt. Francis Roſs, Capt. Robert M'Afee, Francis Adams, Eſq; Mr. Thomas Janes, and Capt. Ezekiel Polk, were declared duly elected. And it appearing, upon inquiry, that the gentlemen formerly returned for that diſtrict, had been choſen by an inferior number of inhabitants, and not by a general ballot, the Congreſs, to prevent any complaints which might ariſe from a different determination, in the preſent inſtance,

RESOLVED,

That all the members named in both returns for the New-Acquiſition, may take their ſeats in the preſent Congreſs.

But, in order to prevent future irregularities of this ſort, they, at the ſame time,

ORDERED,

That Mr. Arthur Middleton, the Rev. Mr. Tennent, Capt. William Cattell, Mr. Bee, and Capt. Charles-Coteſworth Pinckney, be a Committee, to prepare a reſolution to be laid before this Congreſs, for regulating all future elections of members of Congreſs, and Parochial and Diſtrict Committees.

Mr. Neufville, one of the commiſſioners of the Colony Treaſury, laid before the Congreſs the following

Account

Account of monies which they had paid, viz.

	£.	s.	d.
" For the regiments of foot	123,041	11	7
" Regiment of rangers	32,677	0	10
" Contingencies	42,669	5	7
	198,387	18	0
" 2078 barrels rice 32,012 19 0			
" 330 barrels flour 3,754 2 4			
" Indian affairs 680 16 4	36,747	17	8
" Meſſ. Dunn & " Boote 300 0 0			
" Nov. 3, 1775.	235,135	15	8

ORDERED,

That the Rev. William Tennent, Capt. William Cattell, and Mr. Salvador, be a Committee, to enquire into the conduct of John Dunn, Eſq; ſince his enlargement on his parole.

Mr. Preſident reported the draught of an anſwer, which he had been deſired to prepare, to Capt. Thornbrough's letter of the 1ſt inſtant.

And the ſaid draught being taken into immediate conſideration, was amended, and agreed to, as follows:

In

In CONGRESS.

Charles-Town, South-Carolina, Nov. 3, 1775.

To EDWARD THORNBROUGH, *Commander of the* Tamer *Sloop of War.*

SIR,

COL. LAURENS, the late Preſident, yeſterday laid before us, your letter of the firſt inſtant. Before we make any anſwer to it, we muſt intimate to you, that as, by your verbal anſwer to a public meſſenger, who carried you a letter dated 28th ult. from Col. Laurens, as Preſident, you promiſed a written anſwer to that letter, relative to an information received, that a run-away negro, the property of John-Allen Walter, Eſq; was harboured on board the ſloop of war under your command—ſo your unexpected ſilence on this head, at once is a breach of the rules of propriety, and a negative confeſſion, that the negro, if not on board the Tamer, is actually harboured on board the Cherokee, the reſidence of Lord William Campbell, or ſome other veſſel under your command.

The public, Sir, are too well acquainted with the arbitrary and irritating ſtile peculiar to Lord William Campbell's Secretary, for us to have the leaſt room to imagine, that you are the framer of the letter you ſent to Col. Laurens, dated 1ſt inſtant. However, we cannot but declare, that we know of no "unprovoked inſults" the King's

ſervants

ſervants have received from any aſſembly by authority of the people; and we wiſh we could ſay, that the conduct of the King's *principal ſervant* hath not made him an object of the juſt reſentment of the public. Having declared theſe things, it may not be improper that we juſt hint to you, that we are not deſtitute of means enabling us to take vengeance, for any violence you may think proper to perpetrate againſt the ſhipping bound to, or out from this port.

You ought, Sir, for very obvious reaſons, to have been well aſſured, that Walker, the late gunner, is a priſoner at the barracks, before you, in abſolute terms, declared, that he is "now a priſoner" there, and threatened to detain a coaſting veſſel until he ſhould be thence diſcharged and ſent on board the Tamer. We declare, that Walker is not in confinement at the barracks, and has not been in confinement there, ſince his diſcharge from thence on his parole ſeveral weeks ago. We do not know where he is: But from the ſtricteſt enquiry we have been able to make, we have no reaſon to think he is within this colony. On the contrary, we learn, that Lord William Campbell diſpatched him (and that you are privy to his departure) to St. Auguſtine, with a letter, as Walker himſelf has declared, to deſire that a military force might be ſent againſt the good people of this colony. Walker was landed at Savannah, and we have not heard of him ſince.

By the laſt ſentence in your letter, we find you have been deceived into a belief, that Lord William

Campbell ſhewed great humanity to Capt. Wanton of Rhode-Iſland, who unfortunately fell into his hands, and that it was, *bona fide*, Capt. Wanton's intereſt to employ Walker, on board his veſſel. We have ſtrictly inquired of Captain Wanton touching theſe points, and from this examination we are able to ſay, that if Lord William Campbell's declaration to Captain Wanton, that his veſſel was ſeized under a late act of parliament; and his ſending the Captain, his crew and veſſel to proceed to St. Auguſtine, under an armed force on board, in order there to be condemned, are acts of humanity; it was certainly "ungrateful" in the Captain and crew, on the paſſage, to overpower the armed force, and to reſcue the veſſel from an arbitrary ſeizure: But as Walker was, by Lord William Campbell, armed, and contrary to the intereſt of Captain Wanton, put on board his veſſel *to command*, and to conduct her to St. Auguſtine, and for the purpoſe of condemnation too, we cannot underſtand, that in the execution of ſuch a buſineſs, he was in the *ſervice* of Captain Wanton; or that Captain Wanton was guilty of any impropriety in getting rid of him as ſoon as he could by landing him at Savannah.

Theſe things, Sir, having the greateſt appearance of being facts, the moſt poſitive declarations to the contrary, ſhort of abſolute proof, from on board the Cherokee, will not alter our determination, or the opinion of the public on thoſe points.

By order of the Congreſs.

ORDERED,

ORDERED,

That the ſaid letter be immediately ingroſſed; and that Mr. Preſident do ſign the ſame, and ſend it, by the meſſenger, to Captain Thornbrough.

And the ſaid letter was accordingly ingroſſed, ſigned, and ſent.

RESOLVED,

That the Committee on the ſtate of the colony, have power to ſend for perſons, papers and records; and that Col. Moultrie, and Thomas Heyward, jun. Eſq; be added to the ſaid Committee.

RESOLVED,

That the church-wardens of the pariſhes of St. Philip and St. Michael, Charles-Town, be deſired forthwith to ſummon the inhabitants of the ſaid town, to meet, in St. Michael's church, on Wedneſday next, the eighth inſtant, then and there to elect two repreſentatives, to ſerve in the preſent Congreſs, in the room of George-Gabriel Powell, Eſq; who has made his election for the pariſh of St. David, and of Sir Edmund Head, Bart. who has declined ſerving.

ORDERED,

That the Secretary do ſerve the ſaid church-wardens with a copy of the above order.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

In CONGRESS.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1775.

The Congreſs met according to adjournment.

And the journal of yeſterday was read.

Mr. Preſident reported, that the letter which was written yeſterday evening to Capt. Thornbrough, had been delivered by the meſſenger between eleven and twelve o'clock laſt night; and that Captain Thornbrough ſaid "it was too late "to ſend an anſwer; but he would ſend one when "he had a proper opportunity.

On Motion, That the Congreſs be informed, why they were called on ſo early a day:

Read a letter written to our Delegates at the Continental Congreſs, by the Council of Safety, dated September 18, 1775.

Mr. Dart, paymaſter to the firſt regiment of foot, and Mr. Evance, paymaſter to the ſecond regiment, applying, the former for three thouſand five hundred pounds, and the latter for three thouſand pounds to pay the troops.

ORDERED,

That Mr. Preſident do iſſue his warrants for the payment of the ſaid ſums.

And

And warrants were iſſued accordingly.

Capt. Polk having informed the Congreſs, that his company of militia Rangers, had, according to order, repaired to Dorcheſter, likewiſe applied for pay, and for further orders.

ORDERED,

That Mr. Preſident do iſſue his warrant for the payment of five hundred pounds to Captain Polk, for the uſe of the ſaid company,

A warrant was accordingly iſſued for that ſum.

ORDERED,

That Mr. Preſident be deſired to write to the officer commanding at Dorcheſter, to take the command of Capt. Polk's company of militia Rangers; and that they do duty there until the further order of the Congreſs therein.

Whereupon the following letter was written:

In Congreſs, Charles-Town, Nov. 4, 1775.

To the Commanding Officer at Dorcheſter.

SIR,

YOU are hereby ordered to take under your command, Capt. Polk's company of militia rangers, until further orders therein.

By Order of the Congreſs,

WILLIAM-HENRY DRAYTON, *Preſident.*

RESOLVED,

RESOLVED,

That the late Committee of Obſervation be revived, and continued during the ſitting of the Congreſs: And that the Chairman thereof, be authoriſed to give permits, when applied to for that purpoſe, for boats and veſſels to paſs Fort Johnſon, in all caſes where it may be done without prejudice to the Colony.

ORDERED,

That the commander at Fort Johnſon be ſerved with a copy of the above reſolve.

ORDERED,

That the following letters, and verbal meſſage be printed and made public—a letter from the Council of Safety of the 28th ult. to Capt. Thornbrough —Capt. Thornbrough's verbal anſwer, by Mr. John Calvert—Capt. Thornbrough's letter of the 3d inſtant to Henry Laurens, Eſq;—and a letter from this Congreſs of the 3d inſtant to Capt. Thornbrough.

RESOLVED,

That the two pilot-boats lately taken into the public ſervice by the Council of Safety, be continued in the ſervice, armed and manned as heretofore; and that they be employed in cruizing along the coaſt, to the northward of the bar, to warn veſſels againſt coming into the harbour of Charles-Town, and to adviſe them to go into other ports or inlets in this colony.

ORDERED,

ORDERED,

That Mr. Preſident be deſired to write the neceſſary letters upon this occaſion, to Col. Moultrie, and to the commander of the ſaid boats.

The following letters were accordingly written.

In Congreſs, Charles-Town, Nov. 4, 1775.

To Col. MOULTRIE.

SIR,

YOU are hereby ordered to ſend a detachment of nine privates and a ſergeant on board the Pilot-boat, commanded by Capt. Joſeph Veſey,—and one other detachment of nine privates and a ſergeant on board the Pilot-boat commanded by Capt. Thomas Smith, with their neceſſary arms and accoutrements. You will inform the troops employed in this ſervice, that duing their continuance in it, they will be intitled to receive double pay.

By Order of the Congreſs,

WILLIAM-HENRY DRAYTON, *Preſident.*

In Congreſs, Charles-Town, Nov. 4, 1775.

To Capt. JOSEPH VESEY.

SIR,

YOU are hereby requeſted to proceed with the pilot-boat under your command, having on board a detachment of the troops, and cruize for ten days on the coaſt, to the northward of Charles-Town bar, in order to ſpeak with and warn all veſſels

veſſels bound for Charles-Town, not to come over that bar, as the man of war is reſolved to detain all ſuch veſſels as ſhall come within her reach; but that they do proceed to ſome other port or inlet in this colony.

By Order of the Congreſs,

WILLIAM-HENRY DRAYTON, *Preſident.*

A like letter was alſo written to Capt. Thomas Smith, commander of the other pilot-boat.

On Motion,

That the journals of the Council of Safety and General Committee, ſince the adjournment of the late Congreſs, be now read,

A debate aroſe,

And the queſtion being put, it was

RESOLVED in the affirmative.

The ſaid journals were accordingly read, beginning at the 16th of June laſt, and proceeded in ſo far as to the 23d, page 13.

Adjourned to ſix o'clock in the evening.

In CONGRESS.

SATURDAY EVENING, NOVEMBER 4, 1775.

The Congreſs met according to adjournment.

A letter from Capt. Thornbrough, of this date, was laid before the Congreſs, and read.

ORDERED,

That Capt. Thornbrough's letter of this date, together with the extract therein referred to, be printed and made public, with the other correſpondence already ordered.

Tamer, Rebellion-Road, Nov. 4, 1775.

SIR,

WITHOUT the aid of any *Secretary*, armed as I am with truth, I can enter the liſts even with Mr. William-Henry Drayton, when his weapons are ſophiſtry, falſhood, and the groſſeſt miſrepreſentation.—On after conſideration, I did not think Mr. Laurens's letter worthy a written anſwer, as I never directly or indirectly harboured the run-away ſlave of any perſon, and I will anſwer for the gentleman who commands the Cherokee, that his conduct has been exactly ſimilar to mine in theſe matters. It is not my buſineſs to enter into any detail of the treatment the King's repreſentative, and the other ſervants of government, have met with, from thoſe aſſemblies which you have dignified with the name of the public; but I have prevailed on his Excellency to favour me with an extract of his letter to Governor Tonyn, at St. Auguſtine, which I now incloſe, as it will enable the people of this province to form a

judgment of Capt. Wanton's worth and gratitude, as well as of your candour and veracity. As I have ſome reaſon to think the original is in your cuſtody, or in that of ſome of your emiſſaries, you will hardly diſpute its authenticity. But to the main purport of my letter, while I command the King's ſhips here, I will procure proviſions by every means in my power: if the methods I am under a neceſſity of taking for that purpoſe, ſhould ſubject his Majeſty's faithful and loyal people in this province to any inconveniency, I ſhall be extremely ſorry; but they are to impute it entirely to thoſe who have plunged this late happy country into miſery and diſtreſs, and not to me, who have always protected it to the utmoſt of my power.--I am to acknowledge Walker was not your priſoner on the late occaſion—he is returned—in that point I was miſinformed.—I ſhall only add, that I am here determined to drop this correſpondence, which is a very diſagreeable one to me, and I ſhall only expect a ſpeedy and explicit anſwer.

I am, Sir,

Your moſt obedient ſervant,

EDWARD THORNBROUGH.

To WILLIAM-HENRY DRAYTON, *Eſq.*

Extract of a letter from his Excellency the Right Hon. Lord WILLIAM CAMPBELL, *to Governor* TONYN, *of St.* Auguſtine.

—— " THE bearer of this, is a man who ſays he was bound from Newport, in

in Rhode-Iſland, to Nantucket, in a ſmall sloop which he had freighted, but in a hard gale of wind was drove to the ſouthward, without either chart or quadrant, and with only two landmen, and a boy on board; by a kind of miracle he made this harbour yeſterday, and puſhed in at a venture. The poor man's dreadful ſituation fully proved the truth of his ſtory, although he had no clearance from Newport; and the unfeigned joy he expreſſed when he found himſelf in ſafety, left no doubt of the reality of the diſtreſſes he had ſuffered. By the late acts of parliament he might be conſidered as a legal prize, but Capt. Thornbrough, of the Tamer, and Mr. Ferguſſon, (who commands the Cherokee) had too much humanity to think of that, though we were all a good deal difficulted what to do with him: Return he could not, and it would have been highly improper, as well as impolitic, to have ſuffered him to go to Charles-Town, in the preſent ſituation of affairs there, as he had been only nine days from Newport, and not above a month ago was in the rebels camp near Boſton. I therefore propoſed ſending him to St. Auguſtine, which Captains Thornbrough and Ferguſſon readily agreed to, at the ſame time generouſly offering to ſupply his little wants, and the man moſt cheartully and with great thankfulneſs acquieſced. This arrangement gave me the more ſatisfaction, as it enabled me to furniſh your Excellency with many particulars you will be anxious to know, of the ſtate of affairs to the northward, by means of this ſkipper, who you will find ſenſible and intelli-

gent. His cargo conſiſts of cyder, apples, and cheeſe, and I ſhall be happy if it proves a ſeaſonable ſupply of thoſe articles to your province, at this juncture. Capt. Innes has given him a few lines to a friend of his in the mercantile way, to aſſiſt him in making the moſt of it, and procuring ſome employment for his bark till the ſummer, before which time he cannot venture to return home. To aſſiſt in navigating this veſſel, and at the ſame time to prevent any attempt to run her into any of the little harbours on this coaſt, I have directed the gunner of Fort Johnſon, one Walker, an old ſeaman, and a poor man who has been cruelly treated by the Charles-Town people, to go in her to Auguſtine, and your Excellency will be ſo obliging as to ſend him back by the firſt opportunity."

ORDERED,

That Mr. Preſident be deſired to take Captain Wanton's affidavit upon the ſubject mentioned in the extract; and alſo to prepare a reſolution, on the preſent correſpondence with Captain Thornbrough and the affidavit to be taken, to be laid before the Congreſs.

Read a letter from Capt. Blake of this date.

RESOLVED,

That Capt. Joſeph Veſey and Capt. Thomas Smith be allowed pay, at the rate of fifty pounds per (lunar) month, while they are employed in the public

public ſervice, as commanders of the two armed Pilot-boats.

Read a letter from the Committee of the New-Acquiſition, dated October 4, 1775.

ORDERED,

That the Secretary do now proceed in reading to the Congreſs, the journals of the Council of Safety.

And they were read accordingly, from June 26, page 14, to July 12. page 33.

Adjourned to Monday morning, nine o'clock.

In CONGRESS.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 1775.

The Congreſs met according to adjournment.

And yeſterday's journal was read.

ORDERED,

That Mr. Preſident be requeſted to direct Lieut. Col. Thompſon of the Rangers, to ſend Iſaac Jordan, a private in his regiment, charged with horſe-ſtealing and breaking gaol at Cheraws, and cauſe him to be delivered to the Sheriff of Cheraws diſtrict, or his deputy, or to the keeper of the common gaol.

Mr.

Mr. Preſident, agreeable to the requeſt of the Congreſs, laid before them an affidavit of Captain John Wanton, taken before Peter Bounetheau, J. P. Nov. 6, 1775.

Which being read, is as follows;

South-Carolina. } *THIS day perſonally*
Charles-Town Diſtrict. } *appeared before me, John Wanton, Captain of a ſloop from Rhode-Iſland, who being duly ſworn, ſayeth, that on or about the twelfth of October laſt, he arrived in Rebellion-road, near Charles-Town, in the colony aforeſaid, when Captain Thornbrough, of the Tamer ſloop of war, cauſed his veſſel to anchor under his ſtern, and cauſed him, the ſaid deponent, to go on board the Cherokee, to ſpeak with Lord William Campbell.—That after the ſaid Lord William Campbell had enquired into the deponent's caſe, he told him, that, by the late acts of parliament, his ſloop was liable to be ſeized, and that he ſhould, in diſcharge of his duty, ſend him to St. Auguſtine; this deponent apprehending in order to be condemned: And afterwards his mate informed him, that an officer from on board the Tamer, privately acquainted him, the ſaid mate that Lord William Campbell had determined to ſend the deponent's veſſel to St. Auguſtine, in order to be condemned.*

That the ſaid Lord William Campbell, againſt the conſent of the ſaid deponent, cauſed an armed force to be put on board his veſſel, to conduct her to St. Auguſtine.—That Lord William Campbell did not make

make him, the deponent, a bearer of any letter to Governor Tonyn.—That he the deponent never did tell Lord William Campbell, that he had two landſmen on board, having in reality two good ſeamen and a boy, who were fully ſufficient to guard his veſſel. —That on the paſſage towards St. Auguſtine, one Walker, who, by Lord William Campbell, was put on board his, the deponent's veſſel, to command her, told him the deponent, that he had a letter from Lord William Campbell, to Governor Tonyn, with ſtrict orders, that if he was in any danger of being taken by the Americans, he ſhould be ſure to ſink the ſaid letter in the ſea, with two ſwivel bullets, which the ſaid deponent ſaw, and which the ſaid Walker told him, had been delivered to him for that purpoſe. And the ſaid Walker alſo told him, the deponent, that Lord William Campbell's ſecretary had told him, that the letter was, to deſire that ſoldiers ſhould be ſent to Charles-Town from St. Auguſtine. And further this deponent ſayeth not.

JOHN WANTON.

Sworn before me, this 6th
of November, 1775.

PETER BOUNETHEAU, J. P.

Mr. Preſident then laid before the Congreſs, a reſolution, as proper to be entered into by this Congreſs, upon the preſent correſpondence with Capt. Thornbrough, and the affidavit of Captain Wanton.

Which being read was amended, and agreed to as follows: RESOLVED,

RESOLVED,

That Capt. Thornbrough's letter of the 4th inſtant, directed " to William Henry Drayton, Eſq; in anſwer to a letter of the 3d inſtant, wrote by him as Preſident, contains expreſſions as *unmerited* as unbecoming the pen of a gentleman, and therefore unexpected from Capt. Thornbrough.—That becauſe Lord William Campbell has favoured Capt. Thornbrough " with an extract of his letter to Governor Tonyn," it does not thence follow, that the extract was faithfully made: and this Congreſs not having ſeen the original letter, or any other extract from it, ought to remember, we have juſt cauſe not to credit any thing from Lord William Campbell, which is not ſupported by abſolute proof: neither does the extract prove, that Lord William Campbell did not write *another letter* to Governor Tonyn, to deſire that troops ſhould be ſent againſt the good people of this Colony, and that Capt. Wanton's ſloop ſhould be condemned at St. Auguſtine. On the contrary, in the affidavit this day made by the ſaid Capt. Wanton, and laid before this Congreſs, there is reaſon to conclude, that Lord William Campbell did actually write to Governor Tonyn, as well to procure troops, as to cauſe Capt. Wanton's ſloop to be condemned: And as this important letter has never appeared to the public, it is not improbable, either that Governor Tonyn has received it, or that Walker has deſtroyed it; and that the extract in queſtion, even if it is a faithful one, is from a letter written only

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as a maſk to the other, and with intention, if neceſſary, to be delivered up to the public.

ORDERED,

That Captain Wanton's affidavit and reſolution thereupon, be printed and made public, with the other papers already ordered and relative thereto.

The Rev. Mr. Tennent, from the Committee appointed to inquire into Mr. Dunn's conduct ſince his enlargement upon his parole, delivered in the following report.

" Report of the Committee, &c."

" That there appeared before them, Mr. Lang, a member of this Congreſs, and a Doctor Redman Burke, as evidences againſt Mr. Dunn.

" Mr. Lang declared, that on the 31ſt of October, being at Mr. Hatfield's tavern, he heard a ſtranger to him, who he ſince finds is the Mr. Dunn in queſtion, arguing warmly in favour of miniſterial meaſures. He cannot remember the whole of the converſation, but recollects particularly, that Mr. Dunn declared, " we (meaning plainly from the run of his diſcourſe, the Americans) had no right to preſcribe to the Prince and Parliament:" And, by way of burleſque, " That he Mr. Dunn was a tory, and had called his ſtray dog *Tory*," and, that through the whole of his diſcourſe, he ſo ſpoke as highly offended him Mr. Lang, although he did not know the

reſtrictions which at that time lay upon Mr. Dunn.

" Doctor Burke witneſſes, that Mr. Dunn appeared to him to be much in liquor, and ſpoke ſomewhat in favour of the American cauſe—but at different times did ſo ſpeak againſt it, as that nothing but drunkenneſs could excuſe him.

" Upon the whole, your Committee are of opinion, that his imprudent conduct was, in a great degree, the reſult of intoxication, and recommend it to the Congreſs, that Mr. Dunn be admoniſhed to be more cautious for the future."

ORDERED,

That Mr. Dunn be ſummoned to attend this Congreſs, at their meeting to-morrow.

The Congreſs being informed, that Mr. Nathan Legaré had written a letter offering to ſupply the man of war with proviſions and wood; and that the letter was in the poſſeſſion of the commander at Fort Johnſon.

ORDERED,

That Mr. Preſident be requeſted to procure the ſaid letter; and that Mr. Nathan Legaré be ſummoned to attend this Congreſs at ten o'clock on Thurſday morning.

Read a letter from Col. Thomas Neel, dated October 24, 1775.

ORDERED,

ORDERED,

That the Secretary do now proceed, in reading the journals of the late Council of Safety.

The ſaid journals were accordingly read to July 26 incluſive, page 84.

Adjourned to five o'clock in the afternoon.

In CONGRESS.

MONDAY Afternoon, NOVEMBER 6, 1775.

The Congreſs met according to adjournment.

Mr. Preſident reported, that he had written to Col. Thomſon, to Mr. Legaré, and to the commander of Fort Johnſon, agreeable to the order of Congreſs this morning.

ORDERED,

That the liſt of the members be called over, at every meeting of the Congreſs, and that the abſentees be fined as heretofore ordered.

The liſt was called over accordingly.

ORDERED,

That the Secretary do proceed in reading the journals of the late Council of Safety.

ORDERED,

That the reading of the journals of the Council of Safety, be poſtponed.

Information being laid before the Congreſs, that Patrick Cunningham had ſeized the public gunpowder ſent by the late Council of Safety to be diſtributed among the Cherokee Indians; and that a perſon is now in Charles-Town, who ſaw the ſeizure aforeſaid.

ORDERED,

That one of the meſſengers do immediately endeavour to find out the ſaid perſon, and cauſe him to appear before this Congreſs.

ORDERED,

That the Secretary do proceed in reading the journals of the late Council of Safety.

And the journals were read accordingly, to the 11th of Auguſt incluſive, page 127.

ORDERED,

That Mr. Preſident, Col. Laurens, and Col. Parſons, be a Committee to inquire into and examine touching the conduct of Patrick Cunningham, in ſeizing the public gun-powder aforeſaid; and to report to this Congreſs.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

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In CONGRESS.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 1775.

The Congreſs met according to adjournment.

And yeſterday's journals were read.

A return was made from the pariſh of St. John, Colleton-County, whereby it appears, that Ralph Izard, Eſq; had, on the 6th inſtant, been unanimouſly elected to ſerve in the preſent Congreſs, as a repreſentative for the ſaid pariſh, in the room of Thomas Legaré, jun. Eſq; who declined ſerving.

Read a letter from John Moore, Eſq; dated 6th inſtant, declining to ſerve in the preſent Congreſs for the pariſh of St. Thomas and St. Dennis.

RESOLVED,

That the church-wardens of the pariſh of St. Thomas and St. Dennis, be deſired forthwith to ſummon the inhabitants of the ſaid pariſh to meet, on Tueſday next, the 15th inſtant, in order, by ballot, to chooſe a repreſentative of the ſaid pariſh, to ſerve in the preſent Congreſs, in the room of John Moore, Eſq; who has declined ſerving.

ORDERED,

That the Secretary do cauſe a copy of the above reſolve to be forthwith tranſmitted to the church-wardens of ſaid pariſh.

Mr.

Mr. John Dunn, ſummoned to attend this day, was called in, and reprimanded from the chair, in words to the following purport:

" Mr. Dunn,—you was ſent to this colony as a " perſon inimical to the liberties of America; " and as ſo obnoxious a perſon, you have been for " ſome time held in cloſe confinement, in Charles-" Town, by public authority. Upon your preſ-" ſing intreaties to the late General Committee, " you was lately enlarged upon your parole, hav-" ing firſt voluntarily taken an oath to obſerve a " conduct of ſtrict neutrality, and that you nei-" ther would directly or indirectly, in any ſhape, " interfere in the preſent unhappy diſpute between " Great-Britain and America.—You have been " charged before this Congreſs with having vio-" lated that oath; and the Committee appointed " by this Congreſs, to examine you on that ſub-" ject, and hear your defence, have thereon re-" ported in ſuch terms, as induced the Congreſs " to order your attendance to-day,—and to di-" rect me to reprehend your paſt conduct; to ad-" moniſh you to a more ſtrict obſervance of your " engagement; and to declare to you, that if " you tranſgreſs again, you will be committed a " cloſe priſoner to the common gaol."

After which Mr. Dunn was diſmiſſed.

Mr. Jonathan Scott gave an information of a very ſerious nature, deſiring to be authorized by this Congreſs to proſecute a further inquiry—

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whereupon it was ſignified to him, that the Congreſs did authorize him accordingly.

Mr. Preſident laid before the Congreſs an information upon oath, taken this day before Thomas Bee, Eſq; touching a quantity of ammunition being taken, by force of arms, by Patrick Cunningham, from a detachment of rangers.

ORDERED,

That Col. Thomſon be ſummoned to attend: And he, being introduced into the Congreſs, delivered in

An affidavit made on the 6th inſtant, by John-Joſeph Witner, before John Purves, Eſq; relative to the taking the public ammunition, by Patrick Cunningham. And,

Col. Thomſon declaring, that the ammunition taken, was ſent by the late Council of Safety, to be diſtributed amongſt the Cherokees; and that Lieut. Charlton commanded the detachment, from whom Patrick Cunningham took the ammunition ſtated in the information and affidavits.

ORDERED,

That Mr. Aurthur Middleton, the Rev. Mr. Tennent, Mr. Ferguſon, Capt. Charles Coteſworth Pinkney and Mr. Salvador, be a Committee immediately to take into their conſideration the above information and affidavits, and to report thereupon. And

ORDERED,

ORDERED,

That Lieutenant Charlton be immediately put under arreſt, and brought to Charles-Town. And that Mr. Preſident do iſſue orders accordingly.

ORDERED,

That Mr. Preſident be deſired to write to Capt. Pearis, informing him, that the ammunition ſent to be diſtributed among the Indians has been violently taken, by Patrick Cunningham, in contempt of public authority.

ORDERED,

That the Committee at Dorcheſter be directed to ſupply the troops there with a proper quantity of powder and ball in their cartouch-boxes: And that the preſident do iſſue orders accordingly.

ORDERED,

That the Secretary do now proceed in reading the journals of the late Council of Safety.

And the ſaid journals were read accordingly to the 13th of Auguſt incluſive, page 140.

ORDERED,

That the further reading of the ſaid journals be poſtponed.

Mr.

Mr. Arthur Middleton, from the Committee to whom was referred the conſideration of the two affidavits relative to the ſeizure of the public ammunition by Patrick Cunningham, reported thereon.

And the ſaid report, being taken into immediate conſideration, was amended, and agreed to as follows:

Whereas information, on oath, hath been made and laid before this Congreſs, that on or about the 3d day of this inſtant November, at or near a place called the Ridge in Ninety-ſix diſtrict, Patrick Cunningham, Henry O'Neal, Hugh Brown, David Reeſe, Nathaniel Howard, Henry Green, with ſundry other perſons, about ſixty in number, did, by force of arms, rob a certain waggon in the ſervice of the public, feloniouſly taking therefrom a quantity of lead, and ſundry kegs of gunpowder, containing about one thouſand weight, intended as preſents for the Cherokee Indians; and that the above perſons, having firſt diſarmed a party of rangers, who eſcorted the ſaid waggon, did violently carry off the ſaid powder and lead, to the great loſs and damage of the public, in violation of the public peace, and in open contempt of the public authority; thereby expoſing the frontier inhabitants of the colony to the depredations and horrors of an Indian war. And whereas there is an abſolute neceſſity of cruſhing ſuch dangerous attempts to deſtroy the peace of the colony, by bringing ſuch atrocious offenders to condign puniſhment.

 Resolved,

RESOLVED,

That the bodies of the ſaid Patrick Cunningham, Henry O'Neal, Hugh Brown, David Reeſe, Nathaniel Howard, Henry Green, and their aiders and abettors, ought forthwith to be apprehended, and under a ſtrong guard conveyed to Charles-Town, to be tried for their offences. And that every endeavour ought to be uſed to recover the gun-powder and lead, feloniouſly, in violation of the public peace, and contemptuouſly taken as aforeſaid.

ORDERED,

That Col. Richard Richardſon, do forthwith aſſemble and march ſix companies of the Rangers, Captain Ezekiel Polk's company of Volunteers, draughts of militia from Col. Richardſon's, Col. William Thomſon's, Col. John Savage's, Col. Thomas Neel's, and Col. John Thomas's regiments of militia, and with ſuch troops purſue ſuch inſtructions, as ſhall from time to time, by order of the Congreſs, or the Council of Safety for the Time being, be ſignified to him by the Preſident.

ORDERED,

That Mr. Preſident be deſired to prepare proper inſtructions for Col. Richardſon, to be laid before the Congreſs to-morrow morning.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

In

In CONGRESS.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 1775.

The Congreſs met according to adjournment.

And the journal of yeſterday was read.

Mr. Preſident laid before the Congreſs the draught he had been deſired to prepare of inſtructions and orders proper to be given to Colonel Richardſon.

Which being immediately taken under conſideration,

A motion was made, that the pay of the privates in the militia, to be employed under Col. Richardſon, be augmented to ten ſhillings currency per day.

A debate enſued.

And the queſtion being put,

The Congreſs divided.

The yeas went forth.

For the queſtion 51,

Againſt the queſtion 49,

So that it paſſed in the affirmative.

TELLERS { For the Yeas, Hon. Mr. Lowndes,
For the Nays, Mr. A. Middleton.

RESOLVED,

That the pay of the militia privates, to ſerve under Col. Richard Richardſon, be augmented to ten ſhillings per day, during the time they ſhall be in actual ſervice.

And the ſaid draught of inſtructions and orders being gone through, and amended, was agreed to in the words following:

By order of Congreſs.

To Col. RICHARD RICHARDSON.

SIR,

THERE being a neceſſity of aſſembling ſix Companies of the regiment of Rangers, Capt. Polk's Company of Volunteers, and draughts of militia, to act in the interior parts of this colony; and you being the eldeſt field officer now ordered upon this ſervice, of courſe the command of the detachments upon this ſervice veſts in you. And hereby you are ordered, to draught from your regiment of militia, including militia Volunteers, and to demand of Col. William Thompſon, Col John Savage, Col. Thomas Neel, and Col. John Thomas, or the commanding officer in each of thoſe regiments (including militia Volunteers) preſent, reſpectively, and they, and each of them, are hereby ordered, to ſupply you with ſuch numbers of men with their officers, to be draughted from thoſe or any of thoſe regiments, in order to act under your command, as you ſhall judge neceſſary.

On

On the 3d day of this inſtant November, Patrick Cunningham, Henry O'Neal, Hugh Brown, David Reeſe, Nathaniel Howard, Henry Green, and ſundry other armed perſons unknown, did, in Ninety-ſix diſtrict, cauſe and raiſe a dangerous inſurrection and commotion, and did, near Mine-creek, in the ſaid diſtrict, feloniouſly take a quantity of ammunition, the property of the public, and in contempt of the public authority: Therefore, you are hereby inſtructed and ordered, with the troops aforeſaid, or any part of them, to march, and to act in ſuch manner as you ſhall deem expedient, to ſeize and to apprehend; and with thoſe troops, or any part of them, you are hereby ordered to endeavour to ſeize and to apprehend, the bodies of Patrick Cunningham, Henry O'Neal, Hugh Brown, David Reeſe, Nathaniel Howard, Henry Green, Jacob Bochman, alias Jacob Bowman, together with their aiders and abettors, in the taking or carrying away, or detaining, or ſecreting, or uſing and expending the ammunition aforeſaid, or any part of it: And having apprehended the bodies of the ſaid offenders, or the body of any of them, ſuch bodies or body you are ordered, with all convenient expedition to the ſervice, to cauſe to be under a ſtrong guard, conveyed to Charles-Town: at all times uſing your beſt endeavours to recover the ammunition feloniouſly and contemptuouſly taken, as I have already mentioned; and in general, you are to do all ſuch things as in your opinion ſhall be neceſſary, effectually to ſuppreſs the preſent inſurrection, and to intimidate all perſons from attempting any inſurrection in future.

You

You are not to allow any of the militia companies, or militia Volunteers, to take the field on horſeback —militia horſes, being, by experience, found to be an incumbrance to the men, on a military expedition.

The militia engaged in this ſervice will be intitled to receive, the privates a daily pay of ten ſhillings currency, and rations equal to what is received by the regiments of regular infantry in the public ſervice. And while the Rangers are encamped with the militia, the Rangers are intitled to receive daily rations; of all which you are ordered to cauſe exact accounts to be kept, and alſo regular muſter liſts of the militia.

In caſe of any diſobedience in the militia, you are to cauſe every ſuch diſobedience to be puniſhed agreeable to the militia law in time of alarm. You will from time to time ſend information to the Preſident, of your motions and proceedings. Theſe inſtructions and orders are to be publickly read to the troops, and you are to obey all ſuch further inſtructions and orders as ſhall, under the authority of Congreſs, or Council of Safety for the time being, be ſignified to you by the Preſident.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your moſt humble ſervant.

ORDERED,

That the above letter of inſtructions and orders, be ingroſſed, ſigned by the Preſident, and by him delivered to Col. Richardſon.

ORDERED,

ORDERED,

That Mr. Preſident be deſired forthwith to write to Col. Thomas Fletchall, John Ford, Thomas Green, Evan M'Laurin, and Benjamin Wofford, or either of them, in purſuance of the treaty ſigned at Ninety-ſix, on the 16th of September laſt, making requiſition for the ſurrender and delivery of the bodies of Patrick Cunningham, his aſſociates, aiders and abettors.

ORDERED,

That Mr. Preſident do tranſmit to Major Andrew Williamſon, the thanks of this Congreſs, for his conduct in cauſing the body of Robert Cunningham to be apprehended and ſent to Charles-Town; and alſo for his conduct in embodying the militia for oppoſing the inſurrection cauſed by Patrick Cunningham and his accomplices.

Upon information, that a brother to O'Neal and a brother to Bochman, who were concerned in the late ſeizure of powder by Patrick Cunningham, were in town,

ORDERED,

That Captain Sumpter, Captain Flood, and Mr. Beard, do make immediate inquiry after the ſaid O'Neal and Bochman, and alſo Thomas Yates, and cauſe them to appear before this Congreſs.

Capt. Sumpter being returned, reported, That he with Capt. Flood and Mr. Beard, had made diligent inquiry

inquiry after O'Neal, Bochman, and Yates, from place to place, but could not meet with either of them. However, they had been well informed, that ſuch perſons had actually been in town; that they had purchaſed ſome goods; and that although they were ſaid to be gone, there was reaſon to believe they were ſtill in town. And that it was their opinion, Mr. Rugeley might give ſome further information.

ORDERED,

That Col. Laurens and Capt. Cattell do forthwith proceed to Mr. Rugeley's, and deſire he will permit them to ſee the entries on his books of yeſterday and this day.

Col. Laurens being returned, reported, that Mr. Rugeley had permitted them to examine his books —that there was a parcel of goods which appeared to belong to one of the perſons ſought after—but that he declared he knew neither of them, or whether they were ſtill in town.

ORDERED,

That Col. Parſons and Mr. Bee, be a Committee to prepare the draught of a letter to the Council of Safety in Georgia, reſpecting their late diſtribution of gun-powder, among the the Indian traders, wherein Meſſrs. Campbell and ſon were overlooked.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

In

In CONGRESS.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 1775.

The Congreſs met according to adjournment.

And yeſterday's journal was read.

Information being laid before the Congreſs, that Thomas Brown paſſed yeſterday through Dorcheſter, probably to increaſe the commotion raiſed in the back country by Patrick Cunningham.

ORDERED,

That Mr. Preſident do immediately iſſue his warrant for apprehending the ſaid Patrick Brown.

And the following warrant was accordingly iſſued:

In Provincial Congreſs, Nov. 9, 1775.

To Lieutenant Col. WILLIAM THOMSON,

SIR,

YOU are ordered, without delay, to uſe the moſt effectual means for apprehending and bringing to Charles-Town, the body of Thomas Brown, charged before this Congreſs with having violated the treaty of Ninety-ſix. And in the performance of this ſervice, you are authorized to impreſs horſes from any perſon or perſons, to whom reaſonable allowances will be made for all horſes ſo impreſſed: And for which this ſhall be your warrant.

By order of Congreſs.

WILLIAM-HENRY DRAYTON, *Preſident.*

A return was made, declaring John Harleſton, Eſq; to have been, on the 8th Inſtant, duly elected a Repreſentative of the Pariſh of St. John, Berkley County, in the room of the late Edward Harleſton, Eſq;

Read a letter from the above-named John Harleſton, Eſq; declining to ſerve.

RESOLVED,

That the Church-wardens of the pariſh of St. John, Berkley-County, be deſired forthwith to ſummon the inhabitants of the ſaid pariſh, to meet at the uſual place of election, on Thurſday the 16th inſtant, there and then, by ballot, to chuſe another repreſentative of the ſaid pariſh, to ſerve in the preſent Congreſs, in the room of John Harleſton, Eſq; who has refuſed to ſerve.

ORDERED,

That a copy of the foregoing reſolve be forthwith ſent to the Church-wardens of the ſaid pariſh.

Mr. Preſident laid before the Congreſs draughts of ſeveral letters, which he had prepared by their order: which being read, were amended, and approved, in the following words:

In

In Congreſs, Charles-Town, Nov. 9, 1775.

To Col. THOMAS FLETCHALL, *and Meſſrs.* JOHN FORD, THOMAS GREER, EUAN M'LAURIN, *and* BENJAMIN WOFFORD.

WHereas information, on oath, hath been made and laid before the Congreſs, that on the 3d day of this inſtant, November, Patrick Cunningham, Henry O'Neal, Hugh Brown, David Reeſe, Nathaniel Howard, and Henry Green, with ſundry armed perſons, did, from a detachment of Rangers, take a quantity of gun-powder and lead, the property of the public, and which were then on the road proceeding under the orders of the late Council of Safety: wherefore, in purſuance of the treaty made at the camp, near Ninety-ſix, on the 16th day of September laſt, by order of Congreſs, I now do hereby make requiſition, that the ſaid Patrick Cunningham, Henry O'Neal, Hugh Brown, David Reeſe, Nathaniel Howard, and Henry Green, together with their aiders and abettors, be by you, or one of you, ſurrendered and delivered up, to the authority of Congreſs, in order that they may be tried for their offence againſt their authority.

Robert Cunningham having, ever ſince the late Congreſs, conſtantly declared, that he was not included in it; and having under his hand, in a public letter to me, declared the ſame, he has been, for his bad practices, in endeavouring to raiſe commotions, againſt the authority of Congreſs, apprehended, and he is now confined in gaol, where he

enjoys every convenience and accommodation his ſituation can admit. This tender treatment he receives from our humanity, and not from his merits.

By Order of the Congreſs,

WILLIAM-HENRY DRAYTON, *Preſident.*

By Order of Congreſs.

To Capt. RICHARD PEARIS.

SIR,

IN conſequence of my engagement with the Good Warrior and the Cherokee Indians, that a quantity of gun-powder and lead ſhould be ſent to them from Charles-Town, the Council of Safety ſent a conſiderable quantity of ammunition, which, when it had been carried on the road to them, almoſt as far as Ninety-ſix, was taken by Patrick Cunningham, and a conſiderable number of men, who would not allow the ammunition to proceed to the Cherokees: the Congreſs have juſt ordered Col. Richardſon, with the Rangers and militia, immediately to proceed to apprehend the King's mad people concerned in this daring act, in order that, they being brought to condign puniſhment, thereby all other men may be effectually deterred from imitating ſo criminal a conduct.

You will be ſo good as to cauſe theſe particulars to be generally publiſhed and made known to the Indians, that they may at once ſee that the Headmen of South-Carolina are faithful to their engagements,

ments, and that they will not ſuffer their lawful authority to be trampled upon with impunity.

I am Sir,

Your moſt humble ſervant,

WILLIAM-HENRY DRAYTON, *Preſident.*

Charles-Town, Nov. 8, 1775.

P. S. You will aſſure the Indians, that, as ſoon as the powder and lead, or any part of it, is retaken, it will be forwarded to them without delay.

By Order of Congreſs.

To Major ANDREW WILLIAMSON.

SIR,

I Am directed to tranſmit to you the thanks of this Congreſs, for your conduct in cauſing the body of Robert Cunningham to be apprehended and ſent to Charles-Town; and alſo for your conduct in embodying the militia, and oppoſing the inſurrection cauſed by Patrick Cunningham and his accomplices.

It is with great pleaſure, that I tranſmit theſe acknowledgments of your ſervices, knowing how juſtly you deſerve them; and I have no doubt, but that you will continue to merit the thanks of your country.

I incloſe a copy of the inſtructions and orders to Col. Richardſon, and you will regulate your conduct thereupon. You are hereby ordered, with the

the militia under your command, to act againſt the inſurgents with *the utmoſt vigour*, and that you will be attentive to the ſecurity of Fort Charlotte.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your moſt humble Servant,

WILLIAM-HENRY DRAYTON, *Preſident,*

P. S. The incloſed to Capt. Pearis, informing him of the ſeizure of the ammunition by Patrick Cunningham, and recommending to him to make the Indians properly acquainted with that tranſaction, you are deſired to forward immediately by expreſs.

On motion.

RESOLVED,

That Col. Richardſon be immediately ſupplied with one thouſand pounds weight of gun-powder, lead in proportion, two thouſand flints, and two cohorns if he deſires them.

The following order was thereupon iſſued:

In Congreſs.

Charles-Town, November 9, 1775.

ORDERED,

THAT Capt. Robert Cochran do forthwith deliver to Col. Richard Richardſon's order, one thouſand weight of muſket powder, to be taken from the magazine at Dorcheſter, lead in proportion, and two thouſand flints—with two cohorns,

and

and the proper ſtores thereto belonging, if he ſhall require the ſame.

By order of Congreſs.

WILLIAM-HENRY DRAYTON, *Preſident*

To ROBERT COCHRAN, *Eſq;*
Colony Powder-Receiver and
Ordnance Store-keeper.

On Motion,

RESOLVED,

That the ſum of four thouſand pounds currency be advanced out of the Colony Treaſury, and placed in the hands of Colonel Richard Richardſon; to be accounted for, on the expedition under his command.

And the Preſident iſſued his warrant for that ſum accordingly.

On Motion,

RESOLVED,

That the preſent guard at Dorcheſter be immediately augmented with two companies from the provincial regiments of Infantry.

The following order was accordingly drawn, and ſent to Col. Moultrie.

In

In Congreſs.

Charles-Town, November 9, 1775.

SIR,

YOU are to detach two companies from the provincial regiments of foot, under ſuch command as you ſhall judge moſt proper for the ſervice, to march immediately for Dorcheſter, for reinforcing the troops already there, and for effectually guarding the cannon, gun-powder, ſtores and public records, at that place, 'till further orders from this Congreſs, or authority derived therefrom.

You are to give orders, that a ſufficient number of negroes now in the public ſervice be obtained from the Committee of Dorcheſter, to remove the cannon now lying near the water ſide to a ſpot moſt ſafe and convenient near the fort or barracks, with ſpecial orders to the centinels to prevent any perſon's handling or going near them, without proper authority.

By order of Congreſs,

WILLIAM-HENRY DRAYTON, *Preſident.*

Robert-William Powell, and Alexander Gillon, Eſqrs. were returned as duly elected on the 8th Inſtant, to ſerve as repreſentatives in the preſent Congreſs for the pariſhes of St. Philip and St. Michael, Charles-Town, in the room of George-Gabriel Powell, Eſq; and Sir Edmund Head, Bart. the former ſerving for St. David's pariſh, and the latter having declined to ſerve.

On

On motion,

RESOLVED,

That Col. Moultrie be ordered to detach and poſt a guard at the moſt proper place beyond Mr. Rugeley's ſtore, to examine ſtrictly all ſuſpected waggons coming into or going out of Charles-Town, and alſo every perſon ſuſpected of proceedings prejudicial to the welfare of the Colony, or of the common cauſe.

On motion,

Peter Bounetheau, Eſq; was appointed aſſiſtant to the Secretary of this Congreſs.

Col. Parſons reported the draught of a letter, which he and Mr. Bee had yeſterday been deſired to prepare, to the Council of Safety in Georgia, relative to Mr. Campbell's application to this Congreſs, for gunpowder.

The ſaid draught being read, was amended, and agreed to as follows :

By Order of Congreſs.

Charles-Town, November 9, 1775.

GENTLEMEN,

MR. Campbell has applied to the Provincial Congreſs now ſitting here, acquainting them, " that though you have allowed certain quantities " of powder to ſeveral other houſes concerned in " the Indian trade at Auguſta, yet you had omit-

" ted to let his houſe have any, becauſe all his " powder, three thouſand two hundred pounds " weight was brought into this Colony, and that by " your making ſuch a diſtinction, he is likely to be a " great ſufferer." The Congreſs therefore, have deſired me to ſignify to you, Gentlemen, that it is their wiſh, that you would ſpare Mr. Campbell five hundred pounds weight of the powder in your poſſeſſion, and that they cannot entertain a doubt of your doing ſo, as it will be conſiſtent with the promiſes made by you, particularly by Capt. Elbert and Mr. Haberſham, to Captains Joiner and Barnwell, that all the traders ſhould be put upon a footing. Rather than all the traders ſhould not be upon an equal footing, we would, if practicable, have ſupplied Mr. Campbell out of what is in this Colony, but we are now rendered leſs able, as we have juſt received intelligence, that one thouſand pounds weight of powder, which we were ſending to the Cherokees, has been, near Ninety-ſix, ſeized and taken away by one Patrick Cunningham (whoſe brother Robert we have here in Cuſtody) and ſome other malecontents there, againſt whom we are, at a conſiderable expence, ſending an army that we hope will bring them to reaſon.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your moſt obedient Servant,

WILLIAM-HENRY DRAYTON, *Preſident.*

Hon: Council of Safety,
at Savannah.

On

On motion,

RESOLVED,

That no member depart this Congreſs, without leave.

ORDERED,

That all ſuch abſent members as can be conveniently ſent to, be ſummoned to give immediate attendance on the ſervice of the Colony in Congreſs: And that ſuch ſummonſes be diſpatched by expreſs.

Adjourned to ſix o'clock in the evening.

In CONGRESS.

THURSDAY Evening, NOVEMBER 9, 1775.

The Congreſs met according to adjournment. And

Peter Bounetheau, Eſq; was ſworn in Aſſiſtant-Secretary to the Congreſs, and entered upon the duty of that office.

Read a letter from Capt. Edward Blake, dated this day, relative to an armed ſcooner having arrived at St. Auguſtine from Boſton, in order to cruize upon this coaſt.

ORDERED,

That the following letter be immediately ſent to Capt. Tufts:

Charles-Town, November 9, 1775.

SIR,

YOU are hereby ordered immediately to repair with the ſcooner Defence, under your command, to the mouth of Wappoo-creek, where you are expected to arrive by day-light, and to give your perſonal attendance on the Preſident directly after your arrival.

By order of Congreſs.

WILLIAM-HENRY DRAYTON, *Preſident.*

Capt. SIMON TUFTS,
of the Colony Scooner
Defence.

ORDERED,

That a ſcooner be provided to enable the Colony ſcooner Defence, to paſs through Wappoo-Cut; and that the Defence be, with all poſſible diſpatch, properly victualled and ſupplied with all neceſſary ſtores.

ORDERED,

That Col. Moultrie do forthwith detach a Captain with thirty-five able privates on board the ſcooner Defence, and that Mr. Preſident do iſſue orders for that purpoſe.

The

The following order was accordingly drawn:

By order of Congreſs.

Charles-Town, Nov. 9, 1775.

SIR,

YOU are hereby ordered to detach a Captain and thirty-five able men of the regiments under your command, who are to act as marines, and are to embark to-morrow, on board the Colony Scooner Defence, commanded by Captain Simon Tufts, until further orders.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your moſt humble Servant,

WILLIAM-HENRY DRAYTON, *Preſident.*

To Col. MOULTRIE.

On Motion,

That orders be iſſued to the commanding officer at Fort Johnſon, by every military operation, to endeavour to oppoſe the paſſage of any Britiſh naval armament that may attempt to paſs that poſt.

A debate aroſe, ——————

And the queſtion being put,

RESOLVED in the affirmative.

Whereupon the following order was immediately iſſued, ſigned by the Preſident:

By

By Order of Congreſs.

Charles-Town, November 9, 1775.

To Col. WILLIAM MOULTRIE, *or the Commanding Officer at Fort Johnſon.*

SIR,

YOU are hereby commanded with the troops under your orders, by every military operation, to endeavour to oppoſe the paſſage of any Britiſh naval armament that may attempt to paſs Fort Johnſon, until further orders by Congreſs or Council of Safety.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your moſt humble Servant,

WILLIAM-HENRY DRAYTON, *Preſident.*

ORDERED,

That Mr. Preſident be deſired to write to Capt. Thornbrough, ſignifying to him the reſolution the Congreſs have entered into this night, reſpecting ſhips of war paſſing Fort Johnſon.

Adjourned to ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

In CONGRESS.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 1775.

The Congreſs met according to adjournment.

And

And yeſterday's journals were read.

Mr. Preſident laid before the Congreſs the draught of the letter which he had, by their order, prepared to be wrote to Capt. Thornbrough.

And the ſame being read and amended, was agreed to as follows:

By order of Congreſs.

To EDWARD THORNBROUGH, *Eſq; Commander of the Tamer Sloop of War.*

Charles-Town, Nov. 9, 1775.

SIR,

THE late cruel cannonade of Briſtol by the Britiſh ſhips of war, to enforce an arbitrary demand, of ſheep—the general depredations on the American coaſts by miniſterial authority—the late advices from England of large military armaments by land and ſea, for the hoſtile invaſion of the colonies upon this continent—and the proclamation of the 23d of Auguſt laſt, at the Court of St. James's, by which the good people of America, are unjuſtly deſcribed as in avowed rebellion—ſuperadded to the former American grievances—and to your late unjuſtly ſeizing the perſons, veſſels and property of the inhabitants of this country—together with Lord William Campbell's threats of hoſtilities againſt us—have ſunk deep in the minds of a people, who ſeeing themſelves by the royal act, in effect put out of the regal protection, are at length driven to the diſagreeable neceſſity of ordering

dering a military oppoſition to the arms of the Britiſh miniſtry: But the people of South-Carolina remembering, that thoſe who point the Britiſh arms at their breaſts, and againſt their invaluable liberties, are their dear countrymen, and once were their friends, unwilling, yet determined, vigorouſly to oppoſe any approach of threatening danger to their ſafety, have directed me to intimate to you, Sir, as commander in chief of the Britiſh armament on this ſtation, that orders are iſſued to the commanding officer at Fort Johnſon, by every military operation, to endeavour to prevent any miniſterial armament from paſſing that poſt.

We thus think it proper to warn you from an approach that muſt be productive of the ſhedding of blood, which, in other circumſtances, we would endeavour to preſerve.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your moſt humble Servant,

ORDERED,

That the ſaid letter be forthwith engroſſed, ſigned by Mr. Preſident, and ſent to Capt. Thornbrough.

The Committee to whom ſeveral unpaid accounts for debts contracted before the meeting of the Congreſs were referred,—reported,

ORDERED,

That the Preſident do iſſue his warrants for the payment

payment of the ſums mentioned in the ſaid report.

Capt. Polk delivered in an account for the ſervice of his company from the 18th of Auguſt laſt, by which a balance of one thouſand ſix hundred and eighty-ſeven pounds appeared to be due to them.

ORDERED,

That Mr. Preſident do iſſue his warrant for the payment of ſaid balance.

And a warrant was iſſued accordingly.

ORDERED,

That Mr. Preſident do ſign and iſſue commiſſions appointing Ezekiel Polk, Eſq; to be Captain, and Samuel Watſon and William Polk, to be Lieutenants, of a company of Volunteer Rangers.

Commiſſions were accordingly made out for the ſaid officers, ſigned, and dated the 3d inſtant, in the form following:

SOUTH-CAROLINA.

In Provincial Congreſs.

To EZEKIEL POLK, *Eſquire.*

YOU are hereby nominated and appointed Captain of a company of volunteer Rangers, in the ſervice of this colony, ſubject to the orders of Congreſs, and, in their receſs, to the Council of

ſafety. This Commiſſion to continue during pleaſure. Dated in Congreſs, Nov. 3, 1775.

By order of Congreſs.

WILLIAM-HENRY DRAYTON, *Preſident.*

ORDERED,

That Capt. Polk, and Lieutenant Watſon have leave of abſence.

Mr. Nathan Legaré attended according to order of the 6th inſt. And his letter, which had given offence, having been read to him, he declared, that it had been written merely as a cloke, to be ſhewn occaſionally, if the men of war ſhould ſtop his lime-boats, that he being thereby ſuppoſed friendly to them, the ſaid boats might be ſuffered to paſs the more freely; and that it was never his intention to ſupply the men of war with any thing.

Upon this declaration, confirmed by ſome other circumſtances, Mr. Legaré's conduct appearing leſs criminal than it was at firſt thought, he was, by order, reprimanded from the chair, for the indiſcreet manner in which he expreſſed himſelf in the letter, and charged to have no intercourſe or communication whatever in future with the men of war.

The Secretary, as Chairman of the Committee of Obſervation, reported, that in conſequence of the late correſpondence between the Congreſs and Capt. Thornbrough, of his Majeſty's ſloop Tamer, and ſome information laid before the Congreſs, by

Jonathan

Jonathan Scott, Eſq; he had thought it his duty, and did, laſt Tueſday evening, cauſe all the fiſhing boats to be ſtopt from proceeding beyond Fort Johnſon; as he obſerved, that inſtead of avoiding, they moſtly went in the way of the men of war, and were frequently along-ſide—and that he had alſo avoided, until the further order of the Congreſs, giving permits for the paſſage of coaſters, and perſons deſirous of going into the Road, leſt in one caſe, a ſeizure of the ſcooners ſhould enſue, according to Capt. Thornbrough's threat; and in the other, an improper correſpondence might be carried on, prejudicial to the colony, in the preſent critical ſituation of its affairs.

On motion,

RESOLVED,

That a Commiſſary of Stores be appointed, to provide and ſupply the naval armaments of this colony with every requiſite for that ſervice, agreeable to order of Congreſs, or Council of Safety; and to give his neceſſary attendance upon the buſineſs of the ſaid Congreſs or Council.

ORDERED,

That Col. Motte, Doctor Oliphant, Mr. Ferguſon, Mr. Gibbes, and Capt. Joiner, be a Committee to take a view of Charles-Town; and to report, as ſoon as may be, what further works of defence, are immediately neceſſary for its moſt effectual ſecurity againſt hoſtile attacks by ſhips of war.

ORDERED,

That Capt. Stone and Mr. Rivers be deſired to hire a ſufficient number of negroes, to give all poſſible diſpatch to the completing the redoubt erecting upon James-Iſland, to the weſtward of Fort Johnſon.

ORDERED,

That the Commiſſioners of the Colony Treaſury do pay to the Commiſſioners appointed by the late Council of Safety for cutting lines of intrenchment acroſs Charles-Town Neck, any ſum or ſums, not exceeding in the whole the ſum of five thouſand pounds current money, for carrying the works, for which they were appointed, into execution.

Adjourned to five o'clock in the evening.

In CONGRESS.

FRIDAY Evening, NOVEMBER 10, 1775.

The Congreſs met according to adjournment.

The Committee to whom the letter from the Committee at Little-River was referred—reported.

ORDERED,

That the following anſwer be written to the ſaid Committee:

In

In Congreſs,

Charles-Town, Nov. 10, 1775.

GENTLEMEN,

YOUR letter of the 15th of September, directed to the Committee of Intelligence, was produced to the General Committee the 23d of that month; and incloſed are the minutes from the journals thereon, by which you will perceive, that James Hamilton became a ſubſcriber to the Aſſociation, previous to your complaints againſt Daniel Robins being laid before the General Committee; therefore that part of your allegation could no longer ſubſiſt, on the principle we would wiſh to obſerve, of making forgiveneſs the conſequence of repentance: other part of your charge againſt Robins, ſeems not to have been much attended to, the General Committee viewing the matter as we now do, to have been wholly cognizable by your Committee.

And in anſwer to your laſt of the 23d ult. directed to the General Committee, we mention, that obſerving your readineſs to ſerve your country in other reſpects, and as it calls on you to be a Diſtrict Committee, your reſignation cannot be admitted. And we would now hint to you, if Robins behaves contumaciouſly, he is ſtill in your power, clothed with authority, as you are, equal to other diſtrict or parochial Committees.

The neceſſary attention will be paid to your application for a ſupply of gun powder, and what money

ney you have advanced for the public will be repaid on application of either of your members.

ORDERED,

That the ſaid letter be engroſſed, ſigned by Mr. Preſident, and ſent to the Little-River Committee.

ORDERED,

That the Little-River Committee be ſupplied with fifty pounds weight of gun powder, and a proportionable quantity of lead.

ORDERED,

That the following commiſſion be iſſued to Capt. Blake.

SOUTH-CAROLINA.

To EDWARD BLAKE, *Eſquire.*

YOU are hereby nominated and appointed commiſſary of ſtores for the naval department in this colony; and you are to execute all orders you may receive from time to time from the Congreſs, or Council of Safety for the time being. This commiſſion to continue during pleaſure. Dated the 10th of November, 1775.

By Order of Congreſs.

WILLIAM-HENRY DRAYTON, *Preſident.*

On motion,

RESOLVED,

RESOLVED,

That all the boats and canows employed in fiſhing, be obliged to paſs Fort Johnſon, and call at ſaid fort.

On motion,

RESOLVED,

That the commander at Fort Johnſon be, and he is hereby ordered, ſtrictly to examine all fiſhing and other boats paſſing the ſaid fort, as well thoſe who ſhall have permits, as thoſe of fiſhermen, in order that no improper correſpondence be carried on, which might prove injurious to the colony in its preſent ſtate.

On motion,

RESOLVED,

That John Morris, Eſq; controller of the cuſtoms, on account of his preſent ill ſtate of health, upon his parole not to go on board or have any intercourſe with any of the King's veſſels, have leave to paſs and repaſs to his iſland, by permits, during the pleaſure of this Congreſs, or authority derived from them.

RESOLVED,

That the indulgence granted to Mr. Morris, ſhall not be drawn into precedent.

The meſſenger who had in charge to deliver the letter

letter to Capt. Thornbrough, reported the delivery thereof—and that Capt. Thornbrough only ſaid, " it is very well."

RESOLVED,

That Mr. Preſident be authorized and impowered to order ſuch motions of the troops as he ſhall think neceſſary to enable Capt. Blake to ſink certain ſcooners in Hog-Iſland channel.

ORDERED,

That the Secretary do proceed in reading the journals of the late Council of Safety.

The ſaid journals were accordingly read to the 21ſt of Auguſt incluſive, page 154.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

In CONGRESS.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 1775.

The Congreſs met according to adjournment.

And the journal of yeſterday was read.

ORDERED,

That the ordnance ſtore-keeper and powder-receiver, do forthwith deliver five hundred pounds weight

weight of gunpowder, and proper cannon ball in proportion, to the order of Capt. Joſeph Darrel, for the uſe of Lyttelton's baſtion.

ORDERED,

That the ſame officer do likewiſe deliver to Capt. Ezekiel Polk, thirteen pounds weight of gunpowder, lead in proportion, and three dozen flints, for the uſe of his company of Volunteer Rangers.

On motion,

RESOLVED,

That Capt. Edward Blake, commiſſary of ſtores for the naval department, be authorized and impowered, if he ſhall think it neceſſary, to purchaſe eight thouſand pounds weight of bread, for the uſe of the naval armament of this colony. And that this Congreſs will make proviſion for the payment thereof.

ORDERED,

That the Secretary do proceed in reading the journals of the late Council of Safety.

Upon receipt of a letter from Capt. John Purves, of the Rangers, dated Dorcheſter, Nov. 10, 1775.

ORDERED,

That the reading of the journals of the Council of Safety, be poſtponed.

And Capt. Purves's letter being read.

ORDERED,

That the ſame be referred to a Committee of the following gentlemen, viz. Col. Laurens, Col. Bull, Col. Gervais, Doctor Oliphant, and Capt. John Huger.

ORDERED,

That the Committee on the ſtate of the colony do forthwith ſit, and report their progreſs to-morrow.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

In CONGRESS.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 1775.

The Congreſs met according to adjournment.

And yeſterday's journal was read.

The Rev. Mr. Turquand, by deſire of the Congreſs, performed divine ſervice before them.

Capt. Tufts, of the colony ſcooner Defence, who had been ordered to cover and protect the ſinking of a number of hulks, prepared for that purpoſe, on the bar of Hog-Iſland creek, ſo as to obſtruct the paſſage of ſhips of war through the ſaid creek—reported.

That

That having yeſterday, about two o'clock in the afternoon, proceeded with four hulks, in order to ſink them upon the bar of that creek, being about gun-ſhot from the King's ſhips Tamer of 16, and Cherokee of 6 guns—as he approached the place of his deſtination, the Tamer fired ſix ſhots at him, which he, juſt coming to an anchor, returned with two; that the Tamer continuing the cannonade, he contented himſelf with returning only one ſhot more, and then proceeded to ſink the hulks. That he accordingly ſunk three of them, but the fourth not coming up early enough in the tide, he continued the night on his ſtation, in order to ſink her alſo, at a proper time of tide. That about a quarter after four this morning, the Tamer and Cherokee, having warped nearer to his veſſel in the night, diſcharged their broadſides at him, and continued the cannonade until about ſeven o'clock; when having, notwithſtanding ſo heavy a fire, carried her to her proper ſtation, and having ſcuttled her in various places, left her ſinking, and then having no further duty to perform, he retreated. That however, as the hulk, being loaded with ſand, was a conſiderable time in ſinking; and as he was conſiderably retreated, the Tamer ſent an armed boat, which fired the hulk, towing her into ſhallower water, where ſhe ſhortly after ſunk. That, in his retreat, he ineffectually fired a ſhot at this armed boat, but finding his ſhot would not be of any ſervice, he refrained from ſuch an expenditure of ammunition. That notwithſtanding ſo long and ſevere a cannonade from the Tamer and Cherokee, he received no other damage, but one ſhot under his counter, one in his broadſide, and

a third which cut his fore ſtarboard ſhroud. That he had not one man wounded. That in general, the ſhot paſſed between his rigging and ſtruck the main land. And that amidſt this imminent danger, the officers and men on board, although in general, new in the ſervice, diſplayed the greateſt chearfulneſs, tranquility and coolneſs.

ORDERED,

That the thanks of the Congreſs be returned to Capt. Tufts, for his ſpirited and prudent conduct upon this occaſion: And alſo to Capt. William Scott, who acted as a volunteer in the command of the marines on board the ſchooner Defence: And that thoſe gentlemen be requeſted to return the thanks of this Congreſs to all the officers and men who acted under their reſpective commands.

Col. Laurens, from the Committee to whom was referred the complaint of the officers of the regiment of Rangers, reſpecting rank and precedence, delivered in their report.

And the ſaid report being taken into immediate conſideration, the Congreſs came to the following reſolution thereupon.

RESOLVED,

That the regiment of Rangers be conſidered as the third regiment in the ſervice of the colony. That the degrees of firſt and ſecond Lieutenants be conſidered as giving rank regimentally in the regiments reſpectively,

reſpectively, and not otherwiſe. And that upon detachments and courts-martial, officers of horſe and foot of equal degree, ſhall take rank according to the date of commiſſions.

ORDERED,

That ſo many ſtores in the town of Dorcheſter as have been hired by the Committee of that pariſh for the public ſervice, as will be ſufficient to lodge the troops that are or may be ſtationed at that poſt, be forthwith fitted up for that ſervice.

ORDERED,

That Mr. Edwards, Capt. Joiner, Capt. Shubrick, Mr. Neufville, and Mr. Verree, be a Committee to conſider the expediency and expence of immediately fitting, arming, and manning the ſhip Proſper in the ſervice of the colony, for the purpoſe of taking or ſinking the men of war now in Rebellion Road. And that the ſaid Committee do immediately ſit, and report thereon without loſs of time.

Mr. Gibbes, from the Committee appointed to take a view of Charles-Town, and report what further works are immediately neceſſary for its moſt effectual defence againſt hoſtile attacks by ſhips of war—delivered in their report.

And the ſaid report being immediately taken under conſideration, the Congreſs came to the following reſolution thereupon:

RESOLVED,

RESOLVED,

That a battery of ſix heavy pieces of cannon be immediately erected on or near Col. Gadſden's land.--that ſome proper cannon be mounted on the wharves, near the center of the bay.—That Granville's Baſtion be put into a better poſture of defence.—That the platform in the North face of Lyttelton's baſtion be extended.—That a battery of three or four guns be erected near Cummins's Point.—And another battery of two or three guns in ſome proper ſpot at Wappoo, to prevent veſſels of force lying in Aſhley-River.

Mr. Edwards, from the Committee to conſider the expediency and expence of immediately fitting, arming, and manning the ſhip Proſper, in the ſervice of the colony, delivered in their report.

Which being read.

ORDERED,

That the ſame be taken into conſideration this afternoon.

Adjourned to five o'clock this afternoon.

In CONGRESS.

SUNDAY Evening, NOVEMBER 12, 1775.

The Congreſs met according to adjournment.

The Secretary delivered in two returns, one from the Sheriff of Beaufort, and the other from the Sheriff of Camden, of priſoners in their reſpective gaols, in

in conſequence of the letters which the late General Committee had directed him to write to them.

On motion,

RESOLVED,

That five thouſand pounds weight of gunpowder, of the preſent ſtock in the colony, be reſerved for the interior defence thereof.

On Motion,

RESOLVED,

That Mr. Preſident be deſired forthwith to write to the Council of Safety in Georgia, ſtating the late hoſtilities, and ſoliciting their utmoſt immediate aid and aſſiſtance, by a ſupply of all the gunpowder, arms, and other military ſtores that can be ſpared.

ORDERED,

That Mr. De Sauſſure and Mr. Robert-William Powell, as a deputation from this Congreſs, do proceed with Mr. Preſident's letter to Georgia.

The report of the Committee to conſider the expediency and expence of fitting, arming, and manning the ſhip Proſper in the immediate ſervice of this colony, for the pupoſe of taking or ſinking the men of war now in Rebellion-road, being taken into conſideration.

RESOLVED,

That the ſhip Proſper be immediately impreſſed and

and taken into the ſervice of the colony, and fitted and armed as a frigate of war, with the utmoſt expedition.

ORDERED,

That Mr. Edwards, Capt. Shubrick, Capt. Joiner, Mr. Neufville, and Mr. Verree, be, and they are hereby appointed commiſſioners, under whoſe direction Capt. Blake and Capt. Cochran are to proceed to fit, arm, and man the ſhip Proſper, with all poſſible expedition.

Whereupon Mr. Preſident was requeſted to write to Col. Moultrie as follows:

Charles-Town, November 12, 1775.

SIR,

YOU are hereby ordered to poſt a detachment of fifty able men from the regiments under your command, with ſuch officer as you ſhall judge proper for the ſervice, at whatever wharf in Charles-Town the ſhip Proſper, impreſſed into the ſervice of the colony, ſhall lie; and to guard and protect the ſaid ſhip againſt any attempt that may be made to injure or remove her, until further orders.

By order of Congreſs,

WILLIAM-HENRY DRAYTON, *Preſident.*

To. Col. MOULTRIE.

ORDERED,

That Dr. Oliphant, Mr. Gibbes, and Colonel Moultrie,

Moultrie, be commiſſioners for carrying into execution the reſolution of this morning, reſpecting the erecting of additional batteries for the defence of Charles-Town.

On motion,

RESOLVED,

That Mr. Preſident, Col. Pinckney and Mr. Thomas Heyward, jun. be authorized to order and do whatever they ſhall think neceſſary for the public ſafety, until the meeting of the Congreſs to-morrow.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

In CONGRESS.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 1775.

The Congreſs met according to adjournment.

And yeſterday's journal was read.

ORDERED,

That Mr. Powell, and Mr. De Sauſſure, the gentlemen who were yeſterday deputed from this Congreſs to go to Georgia, be authorized and deſired to engage all and every able and effective ſeaman they may meet with there, who ſhall be willing to enter into the ſervice of this colony; and that they be alſo authorized to purchaſe all the

 ſulphur,

ſulphur, ſalt-petre and lead that can be got there. That one thouſand pounds currency be immediately placed into the hands of the ſaid Meſſrs. Powell and De Sauſſure for the purpoſes abovementioned. And that this Congreſs will cauſe their draughts for any further ſums that may be wanted, to be paid.

John M'Queen, Eſq; was returned as duly elected a repreſentative of the pariſh of St. Paul, to ſerve in the preſent Congreſs, in the room of William Skirving, Eſq; who ſerves for St. Bartholomew's.

And took his ſeat accordingly.

ORDERED,

That Col. Moultrie be deſired to order a ſergeant and twelve men to go on board the ſcooner Defence every evening at five o'clock, and to remain on board until ſeven in the morning, until the further order of the Congreſs therein.

Mr. Preſident laid before the Congreſs, the draught which he had been requeſted to prepare, of a letter to the Council of Safety in Georgia, ſtating the late hoſtilities by the Britiſh arms.

And the ſame being read—was amended—and is as follows:

By

By Order of Congreſs.

To the Honourable the Council *of* Safety, *at* Savannah *in* Georgia.

GENTLEMEN,

THE actual commencement of hoſtilities by the Britiſh arms in this colony againſt the inhabitants, is an event of the higheſt moment to the ſouthern part of the United Colonies on this continent: therefore, leſt ſo important an event ſhould be miſrepreſented, I am directed to inform you of the particulars of it, and of a ſubſequent action.

As it was found neceſſary to obſtruct the channel of Hog-Iſland creek, being one approach to this town from Rebellion-Road, Capt. Tufts, commander of the colony ſcooner Defence, mounted with two nine-pounders, ſix ſix-pounders, and two four-pounders, having on board ſeventy ſeamen and marines, proceeded yeſterday, about two in the afternoon, with four hulks, in order to ſink them upon the bar of that creek, being about gunſhot from the King's ſhips Tamer of ſixteen, and the Cherokee of ſix guns.—As Captain Tufts approached the place of his deſtination, the Tamer fired ſix ſhot at him, which Capt. Tufts, juſt coming to an anchor, returned with two; and the Tamer continuing the cannonade, Capt. Tufts contented himſelf with returning only one ſhot more, and then proceeded to ſink the hulks. He accordingly ſunk three large ſcooner hulks, but the fourth not coming up early enough on the tide, he continued the night on his ſtation, in order to ſink

her alſo, at a proper time of tide. About a quarter after four in the morning, the Tamer and Cherokee, having warped nearer to Capt. Tufts in the night, diſcharged their broadſides at him, and continued the cannonade until about ſeven o'clock, when Capt. Tufts, having notwithſtanding ſo heavy a fire, carried the hulk to her proper ſtation, and having ſkuttled her in various places, left her ſinking, and then, having no further duty to perform, he retreated. However, as the hulk being loaded with ſand, was a conſiderable time in ſinking, and as Capt. Tufts was conſiderably retreated, the Tamer ſent an armed boat which fired the hulk, towing her into ſhallower water, where ſhe ſhortly after ſunk: Capt. Tufts in his retreat, ineffectually fired a ſhot at this armed boat, but finding his firing would not be of any ſervice, he very prudently refrained from ſuch an expenditure of ammunition. Notwithſtanding ſo long and ſevere a cannonade from the Tamer and Cherokee, on board of which laſt Lord William Campbell has for ſome time paſt fixed his reſidence, Capt. Tufts received no other damage, but one ſhot under his counter, one in his broadſide, and a third which cut his fore ſtarboard ſhroud; not a man was wounded. In general the ſhot paſſed between his rigging, and ſtruck the main land; and amidſt this imminent danger, the officers and men on board, although in general new in the ſervice, diſplayed the greateſt chearfulneſs, tranquility and coolneſs, during this heavy fire. Fort Johnſon diſcharged ſome twenty-ſix pounders at the Tamer

and

and Cherokee, but the cannon requiring an elevation of ten degrees to reach them, rather than continue to diſcharge ſuch random ſhot, the firing from that poſt was diſcontinued.

The inhabitants of this metropolis were in general ſpectators of the latter part of the cannonade. The drums beat to arms, and the militia in a body aſſembled under their officers, with ſuch alertneſs, and ſo properly armed, as gave the higheſt pleaſure and confidence to the public.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your moſt humble Servant,

WILLIAM-HENRY DRAYTON, *Preſident.*

South-Carolina, Charles-Town, November 12, 1775.

RESOLVED,

That the two pilot-boats lately taken into the ſervice of the colony, be ordered to continue cruizing till the further order of this Congreſs.

ORDERED,

That the commiſſary of ſtores for the naval department, do continue to ſupply the ſaid boats with proviſions and other neceſſaries.

Col. Pinckney, from the Committee on the ſtate of the colony, and the means for immediately putting the ſame into the moſt defenſible ſtate, reported in part, according to order.

And

And the ſaid partial report being taken under immediate conſideration, the Congreſs came to the following reſolutions thereupon.

RESOLVED,

That, as there is a great want of men to manage and fire the artillery in Fort Johnſon, and the other fortifications now erected, and ſuch batteries as it may hereafter be thought neceſſary to erect, a regiment of artillery be forthwith raiſed and embodyed, to ſerve either in garriſons or otherwiſe, by land or water, as the ſervice of the colony may require, to conſiſt of three companies of one hundred men each, including non-commiſſioned officers and gunners.

RESOLVED,

That the ſaid regiment be officered, and allowed daily pay, as follows, and rations at three ſhillings a day:

A Lieutenant Colonel Commandant, five pounds currency per day.

A Major, four pounds and ten ſhillings.

Three Captains, three pounds each.

Three firſt Lieutenants, } one pound and fif-
Three ſecond Lieutenants, } teen ſhillings each.

Six Lieutenants fire-workers, one pound twelve ſhillings and ſix-pence each.

A Quarter-maſter, one pound and fifteen ſhillings.

An

An Adjutant, two pounds and five ſhillings.

A Surgeon, two pounds.

A Sugeon's Mate, one pound and ten ſhillings.

A Serjeant-workman, to attend the laboratory, fifteen ſhillings.

Twelve Serjeants, twelve ſhillings each.

Twelve Corporals, eleven ſhillings each.

Thirty Gunners, ten ſhillings each.

Two hundred and fifty eight Matroſſes, ſeven ſhillings and ſix-pence each.

Three Drums, } eleven ſhillings each.
Three Fifes, }

An Armourer, twenty ſhillings.

An Aſſiſtant Armourer, ten ſhillings,

A Pay-maſter, two pounds.

RESOLVED,

That twenty-five pounds currency, bounty-money, be allowed and paid, to every able-bodied and effective man, who ſhall voluntarily inliſt in the ſaid regiment; to be paid in ſuch proportions, and at ſuch periods, as in the opinion of the officer ſhall have the beſt tendency to promote the ſervice.

RESOLVED,

That the ſum of twenty-five pounds per man for the privates, and thirty-five pounds for the ſergeants and

and corporals be allowed for cloathing the ſaid regiment of artillery.

RESOLVED,

That all the men to be raiſed for the ſaid regiment, and alſo all the men henceforward to be inliſted in the ſervice of the colony, be engaged for ſix months certain, and not exceeding the term of two years, if they ſhall then deſire to be diſcharged.

That Mr. Ralph Izard, Mr. Thomas Middleton (Son of Henry) and Mr. John M'Queen, be a Committee, to receive the names of ſuch gentlemen as may offer themſelves, to ſerve as officers in the regiment of artillery to be forthwith raiſed; And that they do ſit in the aſſembly-room at the ſtate-houſe, for that purpoſe, from ſeven to eight o'clock this evening, and from eight to nine to-morrow morning.

ORDERED,

That the Secretary do immediately cauſe public notice hereof to be given, in printed hand-bills, and by beat of drum.

Adjourned to five o'clock in the evening.

In

In CONGRESS.

MONDAY Evening, NOVEMBER 13, 1775.

ORDERED,

The Congreſs met according to adjournment.

That the Secretary do proceed to read the report of the Committee on the ſtate of the colony.

ORDERED,

That the conſideration of the ſecond paragraph thereof be poſtponed.

ORDERED,

That the Secretary do proceed to read the journals of the late Council of Safety.

ORDERED,

That the reading of ſaid journal be poſtponed.

ORDERED,

That the third paragraph of the report of the Committee on the ſtate of the colony, be now taken under conſideration, and after ſome debate thereon,

ORDERED,

That the ſame be poſtponed.

On information, that Moſes Kirkland had been ſeen in town this evening,

ORDERED,

That Col. Laurens, and any other two members, do make immediate inquiry of, and take

ſuch ſteps as they ſhall find neceſſary for apprehending, the ſaid Moſes Kirkland, if returned to this colony.

ORDERED,

That Col. Laurens, and Mr. Jacob Motte, be added to the Commiſſioners for erecting ſeveral new batteries for the more effectual defence of Charles-Town.

RESOLVED,

That Mr. Preſident, Col. Pinckney, and Mr. Thomas Heyward, jun. be authorized to order and do whatever may be found neceſſary for the public ſafety, till the meeting of the Congreſs to-morrow.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

In CONGRESS.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 1775.

The Congreſs met according to adjournment.

And the journal of yeſterday was read.

On motion,

RESOLVED,

That the Hon. William-Henry Drayton, the Rev. Mr. Tennent, Arthur Middleton, Eſq; Capt. Charles-Coteſworth Pinkney, Col. Gervais, Capt. Roger Smith, Mr. Thomas Heyward, jun. and Mr. Ralph Izard, be, and they are hereby appointed, a Committee of Intelligence, to correſpond

pond with, and communicate to, the inhabitants of the interior parts of this colony, every kind of neceſſary information—with power to hire horſes and ſend expreſſes upon all occaſions that they ſhall think proper; and, until a Council of Safety ſhall be appointed, to ſeize, or cauſe to be ſeized and ſecured, and take the examinations of, all ſuch perſons, who being at large, may endanger the public ſafety, or prove injurious to the common cauſe of America.

ORDERED,

That the conſideration of the report of the Committee on the ſtate of the colony, be now proceeded in.

On motion,

That the Congreſs do agree with the Committee, "that the two regiments of infantry, and the regiment of horſe, now in the pay of the colony, be completed to their firſt eſtabliſhment, viz. of ſeven hundred and fifty men to the foot, and four hundred and fifty to the horſe.

A debate aroſe,

And the queſtion being put,

It was carried in the negative.

A motion was then made, and ſeconded, "That the Council of Safety for the time being, ſhall iſſue orders to complete the original eſtabliſhment of

the army voted by the laſt Congreſs, in proportion as arms and cloathing ſhall be procured. And that the ſaid Council ſhall uſe the moſt effectual means for procuring arms and cloathing, with all poſſible expedition.

A debate enſued,

And the queſtion being put,

The Congreſs divided,

The yeas went forth,

Yeas 49,
Nays 48.

Teller for the Yeas, Hon. Mr. Lowndes.

Teller for the Nays, Col. Pinckney.

And it was accordingly reſolved in the affirmative.

On Motion,

RESOLVED,

That Clement Lampriere, Eſq; be appointed Captain and Commander of the ſhip Proſper, now fitting and arming in the colony ſervice. That Capt. Thomas Sherman, be appointed firſt Lieutenant of the ſaid ſhip. And that the officering manning, and the wages of the officers and ſeamen, be at the ſame rates as of the ſcooner Defence.

ORDERED,

ORDERED,

That Mr. Preſident do iſſue commiſſions accordingly, for officering the ſaid ſhip.

ORDERED,

That Capt. Thomas Savage, Mr. George-Abbot Hall, Mr. Kalteiſen, and Capt. Leger, be added to the Commiſſioners for fitting out and arming the ſhip Proſper, taken into the ſervice of the colony.

RESOLVED,

That the Lieutenant Colonel Commandant, the Major, the three Captains, the Surgeon, and the Paymaſter, to the regiment of artillery to be forthwith raiſed, be choſen by ballot, by the members of Congreſs: And that the ſubordinate officers of the ſaid corps be choſen by the Captains ſo elected, with the approbation of the Lieutenant Colonel Commandant.

Adjourned to ſix o'clock in the evening.

In CONGRESS.

TUESDAY Evening, NOVEMBER 14, 1775.

The Congreſs met according to adjournment.

The following officers to the regiment of artillery to be formed, were then ballotted for by the members; and, at the cloſe of the poll, by Mr. Preſident, declared duly elected,

Lieutenant

Lieutenant Col. Commandant, Owen Roberts, Eſq;

Major, Hon. Barnard Elliott.

Captains, { Barnard Beekman, Charles Drayton, Sims White, } Eſquires.

Paymaſter, Paul Townſhend, Eſq;

Surgeon, John Budd, Eſq;

ORDERED,

That Mr. Preſident do iſſue commiſſions accordingly.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

In CONGRESS.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1775.

The Congreſs met according to adjournment.

And yeſterday's journal was read.

ORDERED,

That Mr. Preſident do iſſue commiſſions for all the officers of the regiment of artillery forthwith to be raiſed; and alſo for the promotion of officers in the regiments of infantry.

Col. Laurens, from the Committee for auditing the public accounts, reported the following as proper to be paid, viz.

To

To Major Golſan,	£.94	10	0
Capt. Gaſper Brown's,	288	0	0
Capt. Flood's,	163	2	6
Capt. Gaſper Ott's,	318	15	0
Capt. Aaron Little's,	231	15	0
Capt. H. Geiger's,	164	10	0
		£.1260	12 9
To the Committee of Prince-Frederick's pariſh,		24	10 0

ORDERED,

That Mr. Preſident do iſſue his warrants for the payment of ſaid ſums.

And warrants were accordingly iſſued.

Information being laid before the Congreſs, that Robert M'Keown, a waiter in the ſervice of the cuſtoms, had yeſterday proceeded on board the Tamer ſloop of war.

ORDERED,

That the ſaid M'Keown be ſummoned to attend immediately.

And the ſaid Robert M'Keown attending accordingly—he was examined touching the information aforeſaid--and declared, that being ignorant of his having been reſtrained from going out of the limits of Charles-Town, he did go on board the Tamer, only to carry down a ſon of the Collector of the Cuſtoms, who is a midſhipman in the navy.

ORDERED,

ORDERED,

That the ſaid Robert M'Keown, be enjoined and required, in future, ſtrictly to confine himſelf in the limits of Charles-Town; and to have no further communication with the men of war.

RESOLVED,

That the commiſſioners appointed to fit out the ſhip Proſper, be, and they are hereby authorized and impowered to take ſuch meaſures as to them ſhall appear moſt effectual, to prevent all indirect communication and correſpondence with the ſhips of war in Rebellion Road.

ORDERED,

That the Secretary, as Chairman of the Committee of Obſervation, be impowered to employ a proper perſon or perſons to ſee the delivery of proviſions permitted to be ſent for the uſe of the men of war, in ſuch manner, as is moſt likely to prevent an improper correſpondence being carried on, and the quantity of proviſions permitted, being exceeded.

ORDERED,

That the conſideration of the report of the Committee on the ſtate of the colony be proceeded in.

And being accordingly taken under conſideration, the Congreſs came to the following reſolutions thereupon:

RESOLVED,

RESOLVED,

That a ſum not exceeding one hundred and twenty thouſand pounds currency, be forthwith ſtamped and iſſued, for the pay of the regiment of artillery to be raiſed, and incidental charges attending the ſame, of the following denominations, viz.

10,000 bills of two ſhillings and ſix-pence.
10,000 — of five ſhillings.
10,000 — of ſeven ſhillings and ſix-pence.
10,000 — of ten ſhillings.
10,000 — of fifteen ſhillings.
10,000 — of one pound.
10,000 — of one pound and ten ſhillings.
10,000 — of two pounds.
10,000 — of two pounds and ten ſhillings.
10,000 — of three pounds.

of ſuch forms, and with ſuch devices and mottoes, as the commiſſioners hereafter to be named ſhall think proper.

RESOLVED,

That Thomas Middleton, (ſon of Henry) Ralph Izard, John M'Queen, Paul Douxſaint, George-Abbot Hall, Peter Leger, Maurice Simons, Robert-William Powell, John Berwick, Peter Bouquet, Philotheos Chiffelle, Roger Smith, Paul Townſend, Edward Weyman, Alexander Gillon, Anthony Toomer, Daniel Cannon, and Francis Salvador, be and they are hereby appointed commiſſioners, with all poſſible diſpatch to ſtamp, and any three of them to ſign, and when ſtamped, ſigned, and numbered, from time to time to deliver, all the ſaid bills into the hands of the Colony Treaſurers.

ORDERED,

That Henry Peronneau, and Benjamin Dart, Eſquires, Joint Public Treaſurers of this colony, do forthwith lay before this Congreſs, the preſent ſtate of the Treaſury, with an account of all the monies therein, that are iſſuable, or not iſſuable, either in ſpecie, certificates, orders, or bills of credit.

ORDERED,

That Capt. Hammond be added to the Committee on the ſtate of the colony.

A motion was made, that the future meetings of the Provincial Congreſs be held at Camden, or ſome other more centrical and convenient place.

But the previous queſtion being demanded,

It was put,

And carried in the negative.

On motion,

RESOLVED,

That this Congreſs will to-morrow morning, at eleven o'clock, proceed to the choice of thirteen members to form a Council of Safety, by ballot.

ORDERED,

That Mr. Preſident, Col. Laurens, Col. Pinckney, Col. Moultrie, and Mr. Thomas Heyward, jun. be authorized, till the meeting of the Congreſs to-mor-

row

row morning, to order and do every thing they may think neceſſary for the public ſafety.

Adjourned to eleven o'clock to-morrow morning.

In CONGRESS.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 1775.

The Congreſs met according to adjournment.

And yeſterday's journal was read.

Joſeph Fogartie, Eſq; being returned as duly elected a repreſentative for the pariſh of St. Thomas and St. Dennis, to ſerve in the preſent Congreſs, in the room of John Moore, Eſq; who declined ſerving.

That gentleman attended, and took his ſeat accordingly.

The Congreſs then proceeded to ballot for members to conſtitute a new Council of Safety.

And the following gentlemen were duly elected, viz.

1. Col. Charles Pinckney,
2. Col. Henry Laurens,
3. Hon. Henry Middleton,
4. Thomas Ferguſon, Eſq;
5. Arthur Middleton, Eſq;
6. Thomas Heyward, jun. Eſq;
   Hon. William-Henry Drayton, Eſq;

8. Hon. Rawlins Lowndes, Eſq;
9. Thomas Bee, Eſq;
10. Benjamin Elliott, Eſq;
11. Col. James Parſons,
12. David Oliphant, Eſq;
13. Thomas Savage, Eſq.

After which, the Congreſs adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

In CONGRESS.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 1775.

The Congreſs met according to adjournment.

The liſt of members was called over.

Jacob Motte, Eſq; was returned duly elected a repreſentative for the pariſh of St. James, Santee, where he and Mr. Jerman before had equal votes.

And he took his ſeat accordingly.

ORDERED,

That Col. Laurens, Mr. Thomas Heyward, jun. and Mr. Bee, be a Committee to examine and correct the journals of the preſent Seſſion of Congreſs; in order that ſuch parts thereof as may be proper to be made public, be printed with all poſſible diſpatch.

ORDERED,

That the Secretary do cauſe ſuch parts of the ſaid journals

journals as ſhall be put into his hands for that purpoſe, to be printed with all poſſible expedition.

Capt. William Cattell, deſired leave, and read a letter to him from Lieutenant Col. Roberts, requeſting, that his moſt grateful thanks might be returned to the Congreſs, for the honour they had conferred upon him, by appointing him to the command of the regiment of artillery; and giving aſſurances that were proper on ſuch an occaſion.

ORDERED,

That Col. Laurens, Col. Pinckney, Major Pinckney, Capt. Harrington, the Rev. Mr. Tennent, Mr. Thomas Heyward, jun. and Mr. Arthur Middleton, be a Committee, to conſider of, ſtate, and bring into one view, the powers and authorities proper to be veſted in, and exerciſed by, the Council of Safety.

Read a letter from Meſſ. Dunn and Boote, reſpecting their maintenance, dated yeſterday.

RESOLVED,

That John Dunn, and Benjamin-Booth Boote, Eſqrs. be allowed the ſum of forty ſhillings currency each, for their daily ſupport and maintenance.

ORDERED,

That Mr. Preſident do iſſue his warrant on the Treaſury, for the payment of the laſt month's lodging and board of the ſaid Meſſ. Dunn and Boote, amounting

amounting to one hundred and twelve pounds currency.

And a warrant was iſſued accordingly.

On motion,

RESOLVED,

That the militia of Charles-Town, who do nightly duty, be allowed and provided with firewood and candles, at the public expence.

ORDERED,

That Mr. John Calvert do furniſh the militia guards with firewood and candles accordingly.

ORDERED,

That Capt. Sumpter be added to the Committee on the ſtate of the colony.

On motion,

RESOLVED,

That all officers, gunners, matroſſes, or any other perſons receiving pay or hire in the ſervice of the artillery of this colony, ſhall be governed by the ſame rules and articles, and be ſubject to be tried by courts martial, in like manner with the officers and ſoldiers of the other troops in the ſervice of this colony.

RESOLVED,

That for differences ariſing among themſelves, or in matters relating ſolely to their own corps, the courts

courts martial may be compoſed of their own officers; but where a ſufficient number of ſuch officers cannot be aſſembled, or in matters wherein other corps are intereſted, the officers of artillery ſhall ſit in courts martial with the officers of the other corps in the ſervice of the colony, taking their rank according to the dates of their reſpective commiſſions, and no otherwiſe.

RESOLVED,

That the regiment of artillery now to be raiſed and embodyed, be the fourth regiment in the ſervice of the colony. And that officers of equal rank in the four regiments in the colony ſervice, ſhall take precedence according to the dates of their reſpective commiſſions.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

In CONGRESS.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 1775.

The Congreſs met according to adjournment.

And the journal of yeſterday was read.

Meſſrs. Peronneau and Dart, Joint Public Treaſurers, attended, and delivered in the following

" STATE *of the* PAPER CURRENCY *in the Public*
" *Treaſury of* SOUTH-CAROLINA.

	£.
" Of lawful bills of credit, ſo torn and " obliterated as to become impaſſa- " ble, of various denominations, " about — — — —	50,000 0 0

" Of

" Of tax-certificates and public orders
" out of date, and kept to be de-
" ſtroyed, agreeable to laws of the £.
" province, about — — — 19,000 0 0

" Of certificates iſſued by the Houſe of
" Aſſemby, about — — — 19,200 0 0

" Of certificates iſſued by the Congreſs 1,320 0 0

" N. B. Not a ſingle piece of gold
" or ſilver in the Treaſury.

" There is owing, on bonds to the
" King, for negro duties, about 13,000 0 0

" And on notes to the Joint Treaſurers
" for other duties, — — 24,000 0 0

Upon application from the veſtry of St. Philip's pariſh, Charles-Town.

RESOLVED,

That a loan of ten thouſand pounds currency be furniſhed, from the Colony Treaſury, to the veſtry of the pariſh of St. Philip, on the credit of the pariſhes of St. Philip and St. Michael, for the maintenance of the public poor: For which ſum the ſaid veſtry are hereafter to account with the public.

ORDERED,

That Mr. Preſident do iſſue his warrant accordingly.

RESOLVED,

That the inhabitants of the pariſhes of St. Philip and St. Michael, Charles-Town, ought forthwith

to

to pay into the hands of the veſtry, the poor's rates aſſeſſed and to be aſſeſſed on them reſpectively, according to law. And that proceſſes ought to be iſſued by the veſtry and church-wardens, againſt ſuch perſons as ſhall refuſe or neglect to pay his or their poor's rates ſo aſſeſſed.

ORDERED,

That Capt. Calhoun and Capt. Winn, be added to the Committee on the ſtate of the colony.

Col. Pinckney, from the Committee on the ſtate of the colony, delivered in a further report reſpecting the regulation of the militia.

ORDERED,

That the report of the Committee, on the ſtate of the colony, reſpecting the militia, be now taken under conſideration.

Mr. Caldwell, Mr. Green and Mr. Newton, from the Back Country attended, and were ſeverally admitted, who gave very alarming accounts of the ſtate of affairs in thoſe parts.

ORDERED,

That two thouſand pounds weight of the public gunpowder, lately depoſited in the magazine at Dorcheſter, be removed from thence to Charles-Town, with all poſſible expedition.

Col. Wofford delivered in a memorial from the Committee of the diſtrict between Enoree and Broad Rivers, dated the 8th inſtant—which was read.

Col. Laurens delivered in the following appraiſement or valuation of the ſhip Proſper:

"In obedience to the order of the Provincial Congreſs, we the ſubſcribers have valued the ſhip Proſper of Briſtol, lately taken into the ſervice of the colony; and it is our opinion, that two thouſand pounds ſterling, or the value thereof in current money, ought to be allowed to the owner or owners of the ſaid ſhip. And we recommend that ſuch ſum of two thouſand pounds ſterling, or the value thereof, as aforeſaid, be tendered to Capt. —— Smith, late maſter of the ſaid ſhip, on behalf of his owners: And that the regiſter of the ſaid ſhip, and a proper aſſignment, be at the ſame time demanded from the ſaid Capt. Smith.

Charles-Town,
Nov. 18, 1775.

HENRY LAURENS,
ROGER SMITH,
EDWARD BLAKE.

On Motion,

RESOLVED,

That the recruiting officers of the regiment of artillery to be raiſed for the ſervice of this colony, be allowed three pounds and five ſhillings per head, for every effective man they ſhall inliſt for that corps, brought to head-quarters, atteſted, and approved of by the Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant. And that a ſuite of artillery and tenting be allowed, and provided, for the ſaid regiment.

ORDERED,

ORDERED,

That the bounty money for raiſing the ſaid regiment be iſſued as it may be wanted: And that money be alſo iſſued, for the purchaſe of ſuch cloathing, tenting and ſmall arms, as can be procured from Georgia or elſewhere: And that draughts on the Congreſs or Council of Safety for the time being, for the purchaſe of thoſe articles, or any part of them, be duly paid.

ORDERED,

That Mr. Preſident be deſired to prepare the draught of a DECLARATION, calculated to remove the prejudices entertained in ſome parts of the colony, againſt the meaſure of the late Council of Safety, in ſending a ſmall quantity of ammunition to the Cherokee Indians.

The conſideration of the report of the Committee on the ſtate of the colony, being proceeded in,

A debate aroſe, on that part thereof, requiring that every company of militia throughout the colony ſhould be aſſembled, muſtered, trained and exerciſed once a fortnight.

And a queſtion being put thereon,

The Congreſs divided,

The yeas went forth,

For the queſtion	43
Againſt it	29

So that it was reſolved in the affirmative.

A debate alſo aroſe, on that part of the ſaid report, ſubjecting privates, not appearing completely armed at the places and on the days appointed, to a fine of three pounds, and officers to a fine of twenty-five pounds, for every default.

And the queſtion being put,

It was reſolved in the affirmative.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

In CONGRESS.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1775.

The Congreſs met according to adjournment.

And yeſterday's journal was read.

The Rev. Mr. Paul Turquand, by deſire of Congreſs, performed Divine Service before them.

Mr. Preſident delivered in a draught of the Declaration which he had been directed to prepare, to quiet the minds of the miſguided people in the Back Country.

And the ſaid draught being taken into immediate conſideration, was amended, and agreed to in the words following:

SOUTH-CAROLINA.

By Authority of Congreſs.

A DECLARATION.

IT has ever been the policy of America in general, and of this Colony in particular, to endeavour to cultivate a good correſpondence with the neighbouring

bouring Indians; and eſpecially ſo, ſince the commencement of the preſent unhappy diſputes with the Britiſh adminiſtration. This policy originated from a view of preſerving, at the cheapeſt rate, our borders from ſavage inroads, puſhed on by French or Spaniſh management, or Indian avidity or ferocity. Of late this policy has been perſevered in; and our endeavours have been redoubled, in order to oppoſe and to fruſtrate the deſign of the Britiſh adminiſtration, by the hands of Indians, to deluge our frontiers with the blood of our fellow-citizens.——Experience has taught us, that occaſional preſents to the Indians has been the great means of acquiring their friendſhip. In this neceſſary ſervice, government every year has expended large ſums of money; and the Continental Congreſs having divided the management of the Indian affairs into three departments, have allotted for the expences of this ſouthern department the ſum of ten thouſand dollars, in order to preſerve the friendſhip of the Indians on the back of our ſettlements. The late Council of Safety ſpared no pains to confirm them in their pacific inclinations: but, from the repeated, conſtant and uniform accounts they received from the Council of Safety in Georgia, the Indian traders in that and in this Colony, and among the Creeks and Cherokees, and the perſons there employed by the two Colonies to ſuperintend the Indian affairs, it clearly and unfortunately appeared, that a general Indian War was inevitable, unleſs the Indians were furniſhed with ſome ſmall ſupplies of ammunition,

to enable them to procure deer ſkins for their ſupport and maintenance.

Rather than draw on an Indian War, by an ill-timed frugality in withholding ammunition; our friends in Georgia reſolved to ſupply the Creeks with ſuch a quantity as might, in ſome degree, ſatisfy their urgent wants, but could not incite, by enabling, them to commit hoſtilities. They ſent on that ſervice two thouſand weight of powder, and a proportionable weight of lead: They alſo ſtrongly preſſed the late Council of Safety to ſupply the Cherokees. About the end of September the Honourable William-Henry Drayton, a member of the late Council of Safety, met ſeveral of the Cherokee head-men at the Congarees. Nothing could in the leaſt degree ſatisfy them but a promiſe of ſome ammunition. At length the late Council, in October laſt, iſſued a ſupply of ammunition, conſiſting of only one thouſand weight of powder, and two thouſand pounds weight of lead, for the uſe of the Cherokees; as the only probable means of preſerving the frontiers from the inroads of the Indians: and the Council the more readily agreed to this meaſure, becauſe, as they almoſt daily expected that the Britiſh arms would attack the Colony in front on the ſea coaſt, they thought they would be inexcuſable, if they did not, as much as in them lay, remove every cauſe to apprehend an attack at the ſame time from the Indians upon the Back Settlements.

But this meaſure, entered into by the Council, upon

upon principles of the ſoundeſt policy, of Chriſtianity, breathing equal benevolence to the aſſociators and non-aſſociators in this Colony, and ariſing only from neceſſity, unfortunately has been, by ſome non-aſſociators, made an inſtrument for the moſt diabolical purpoſes.

Theſe wicked men, to the aſtoniſhment of common ſenſe, have made many of their deluded followers believe, that this ammunition was ſent to the Indians, with orders for them to fall upon the frontiers and to maſſacre the non-aſſociators; and taking advantage from the ſcarcity of ammunition among individuals, ariſing from the neceſſity of filling the public magazines, they have invidiouſly repreſented, that, ammunition ought not to be ſent to the Indians, while the Inhabitants of the Colony, individually, are in a great degree deſtitute of that article; induſtriouſly endeavouring to inculcate this doctrine even in the minds of the aſſociators.

Wherefore, in compaſſion to thoſe who are deluded by ſuch repreſentations, the Congreſs have taken theſe things into their conſideration, which otherwiſe would have been below their notice; and they deſire their deceived fellow-coloniſts to reflect, that the ſtory of the ammunition being ſent to the Indians, with orders for them to maſſacre the non-aſſociators, is abſurd in its very nature;

Firſt, Becauſe the whole tenor of the conduct of the Council of Safety demonſtrates, that they were incapable of ſuch inhumanity as a body; the character

racter of each individual ſhields him againſt a charge of ſo cruel a nature; and Mr. Drayton's conduct at Ninety-Six, at the head of the army, fully ſhewed, that the blood of the non-aſſociators was not the object of his policy.

Secondly, Becauſe alſo, if men will but call reaſon to their aid, they muſt plainly ſee, that if the Indians were let looſe upon the frontiers, they muſt indiſcriminately maſſacre aſſociators and non-aſſociators, ſince there is no mark to diſtinguiſh either to the Indians; and therefore no aſſociator, of but common ſenſe, could think of promoting the intereſt of his party, by executing a meaſure which muſt equally ruin friend and foe.

However, in order to clear up all difficulties on this head; and for the eaſe of the minds of our deceived friends, the Congreſs in a body, and alſo individually, declare, in the moſt ſolemn manner, before Almighty God, that they do not believe, any order was ever iſſued, or any idea was ever entertained, by the late Council of Safety, or any Member of it, or by any Perſon under authority of Congreſs, to cauſe the Indians to commence hoſtilities upon the frontiers, or any part thereof.—On the contrary, *they* do believe, that they, and each of them, have uſed every endeavour to inculcate in the Indians, ſentiments friendly to the inhabitants without any diſtinction.

It is greatly to be regretted, that our fellow coloniſts, individually, are not ſo well ſupplied with ammunition, as would be adequate to their private convenience.

convenience.—But is not the ſituation of public affairs, which renders it abſolutely neceſſary to guide the channels through which ammunition is brought to the colony into the public magazines, before any part of them can be permitted to reach the public individually, alſo to be lamented?—Ought not—nay this unhappy ſituation of public affairs *does* juſtify the filling the public magazines; thereby ſecuring the welfare, and forming the defence of the ſtate, at the riſque of the convenience or ſafety of individuals. And if out of the public ſtock, a quantity of ammunition is given to the Indians, which may be ſufficient to keep them quiet, by in ſome degree ſupplying their urgent occaſions, yet not ſufficient to enable them to make war; ought our people,—nay they cannot have any reaſonable ground,—to arraign that policy by which they are and may be preſerved from ſavage hoſtility; or to complain, that becauſe the whole colony, the public and individuals cannot be ſupplied with ammunition, therefore a ſmall quantity ought not to be ſent to the Indians.—Men ſhould reflect that this ſmall quantity is given in order to render it unneceſſary to ſupply the public individually on the ſcore of a defence againſt Indians—a ſervice that would conſume very large quantities of an article that experience teaches will be diminiſhed when individually diſtributed. Men ſhould alſo reflect, that while the public magazines are well ſtored, ſupplies can be inſtantly, plentifully, and regularly poured upon thoſe parts where the public ſervice may require them. And the public are hereby informed, that although, when

the preſent diſturbances began, there were not in the colony more than five hundred pounds weight of public powder, yet by the vigilance of the late Council of Safety, the public ſtock has been ſo much increaſed, as to induce the preſent Congreſs, to make an allotment of five thouſand pounds weight for the defence of the interior parts of the colony, beſides ſeveral conſiderable quantities already diſpoſed of on that ſervice.

Men ought likewiſe to take into their conſideration, that as the Council of Safety, by various, and a multitude of means, procure a conſtant, ſpeedy and authentic information of the ſtate of all parts of the colony, and of the Indians; ſo, by being much better informed upon thoſe points than the public individually, therefore the Council are the moſt competent judges where ammunition ought to be ſent: whether a ſmall quantity to the Indians, with a view and probability of keeping them quiet, or a large quantity to the inhabitants neceſſarily to arm them againſt the Indians.

Common ſenſe and common honeſty dictate, that if there is a probability, that by a preſent of a ſmall quantity of ammunition the Indians can be kept in peace; that preſent ought not to be withheld at the hazard of inducing an Indian war, thereby of expending not only a much larger quantity of ammunition, but of involving the colony in an immenſe expence, breaking up whole ſettlements, and unneceſſarily ſacrificing a number of lives.

WILLIAM-HENRY DRAYTON, *Preſident.*

Charles-Town, Nov. 19, 1775.

ORDERED,

That the Secretary do cauſe a ſufficient number of copies of the foregoing Declaration to be forthwith printed, in order to be diſtributed among the inhabitants of the Back Country.

ORDERED,

That the conſideration of the report of the Committee on the ſtate of the colony, reſpecting the militia be now proceeded in.

And ſome progreſs was made therein.

ORDERED,

That Mr. Preſident be deſired to inſtruct Col. Richardſon, to apply to Col. Thomas Polk, of North-Carolina, for the aſſiſtance of the ſix companies under his command, to be in the pay of this colony, if he ſhall judge ſuch aſſiſtance neceſſary.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

In CONGRESS.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 1775.

The Congreſs met according to adjournment.

And the journal of yeſterday was read.

Col. Laurens, from the Committee for auditing the public accounts, reported an account for the late ſervice of Capt. Richard Richardſon's troop of

light horſe, amounting to four hundred and ninety ſeven pounds, as proper to be paid.

ORDERED,

That Mr. Preſident do iſſue his warrant on the Treaſury for the payment thereof.

And a warrant was iſſued accordingly.

ORDERED,

That Mr. William Parker have leave of abſence, forthwith to proceed to his Plantation, and order down all ſuch timber and plank as has been prepared there for the public ſervice. And that he alſo forthwith do order all ſuch hands to town as are at preſent employed at the lines upon Charles-Town Neck, to the public works erecting in and about Charles-Town.

On motion,

RESOLVED,

That the whole Militia of Charles-Town, be forthwith embodied and ordered upon duty, as well by day as by night, in ſuch diviſions and at ſuch poſts as the commanding officer ſhall think proper. And that the officers and men, while in actual ſervice, may demand, and ſhall be entitled to, the ſame daily pay, as is allowed to the officers and men now employed in the colony ſervice, under the command of Colonel Richard Richardſon.

ORDERED,

That Mr. Preſident do iſſue the following orders to Lieutenant Colonel Roberts:

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By Order of Congreſs.

Charles-Town, Nov. 20, 1775.

To Lieutenant Col. OWEN ROBERTS.

SIR,

YOU are hereby directed to iſſue recruiting orders to your ſeveral officers, in order to complete the regiment of artillery with all poſſible expedition: And that you and your officers do forthwith take poſt at the ſeveral batteries, at Fort-Johnſon, the new battery to the weſtward of it, and about Charles-Town (except Broughton's battery.) Such ſums of money as you may have occaſion for, ſhall be iſſued, and you ſhall be furniſhed with the various orders of Congreſs relative to the regiment of artillery, as ſoon as they can be copied from the journal.

I am, Sir,

Your moſt obedient Servant,

WILLIAM-HENRY DRAYTON, *Preſident.*

On motion,

RESOLVED,

That the Colonels of the ſeveral regiments of militia throughout the colony, have leave to enrol ſuch a number of able male ſlaves, to be employed as pioneers and labourers, as public exigencies may require. And that a daily pay of ſeven ſhillings and ſix-pence be allowed for the ſervice of each ſuch ſlave, while actually employed.

On

On motion,

RESOLVED,

That this Congreſs will make proviſion for the ſupport of all perſons who may be maimed and diſabled in the public ſervice of the colony, by ſea or land, and alſo of the families of ſuch as may be killed in the ſaid ſervice.

ORDERED,

That Col. Gervais, Capt. Hammond, and Mr. Raplay, have leave to viſit Capt. Robert Cunningham, in his confinement in Charles-Town Gaol.

ORDERED,

That the Colonel of the Charles-Town militia do forthwith carry into execution the reſolution reſpecting the embodying the ſame.

On motion,

RESOLVED,

That five hundred pounds weight of gunpowder, with ſix pieces of proper cannon, and a proportionable quantity of cannon ball, be allotted for the uſe and defence of George-Town, and that the ſame be delivered to the Committee of that town.

ORDERED,

That Col. Stephen Bull, do forthwith draught one hundred and fifty men of the Granville-county regiment of militia, and order them upon duty at

at Fort Lyttelton, Port-Royal, to be relieved from time to time, till further orders.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning,

In CONGRESS.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1775.

The Congreſs met according to adjournment.

And the journal of yeſterday was read.

ORDERED,

That the conſideration of the report of the Committee on the ſtate of the colony, reſpecting the militia, be reſumed, and proceeded in,

And the ſame being gone through, the Congreſs came to the ſeveral reſolutions following:

RESOLVED,

That the commiſſioned officers of the colony regular troops take precedence of officers of equal degree in the militia, without regard to prior dates of commiſſions in the latter, PROVIDED NEVERTHELESS, that a ſecond Lieutenant in the regulars ſhall be ſubordinate to a firſt Lieutenant in the militia, and ſo on in gradation in the regulars and militia reſpectively. That the precedency in the regular forces be according to the number and denomination of the regiments of infantry, and rangers, and the regiment of artillery, accord-

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ing to the cuſtom of the Britiſh army. That all corps of regulars take precedence of all corps of militia. And that the regiments of militia ſhall take precedence in the following manner: Berkley County, Charles-Town, Granville County, Colleton County, Craven County the lower part, Orangeburg, Craven County the upper part, Camden, Ninety-Six North of the Fiſh-dam Ford and between Enoree, Broad and Saludy Rivers, the New Acquiſition South of the Fiſh-dam Ford, and between Broad and Saludy Rivers North of Enoree, and between Broad and Saludy Rivers.

RESOLVED,

That the militia be not drawn out to act with the regulars in the pay of this colony, but on the moſt urgent occaſions; and whenever that happens, in caſe any officers ſhould be wanting to fill up the regiments or companies of militia (including the volunteer companies) the ſame ſhall be made up by their own officers according to ſeniority of commiſſions; ſubject nevertheleſs to the controul of the Congreſs or Council of Safety for the time being, in caſe any officer or officers ſhall ſucceed to commiſſions by ſeniority, whom they or either of them ſhall deem improper to be commiſſioned.

RESOLVED,

That in all caſes of default, neglect of duty, or diſobedience of orders, the militia officers and privates, ſhall be tried, adjudged and determined according to the militia law only, whether they are acting in conjunction with the regulars or otherwiſe.

RESOLVED,

RESOLVED,

That every Captain or other commanding Officer of a company, ſhall aſſemble, muſter, train and exerciſe his company once in every fortnight, under a penalty of twenty-five pounds currency for every default.

RESOLVED,

That every perſon liable to bear arms, ſhall appear completely armed, once in every fortnight, on the day and at the place appointed by his Captain for the exerciſing his company; the privates under a penalty not exceeding three pounds current money, and the officers under the penalty of twenty-five pounds, for every default.

RESOLVED,

That it be recommended to the Colonels of the different regiments of militia, where the diſtricts of any of the companies in their reſpective regiments are too large, for the company conveniently to aſſemble in one place, that they do order the Captains of ſuch companies to appoint two or three places in their reſpective diſtricts for the company to muſter at in diviſions.

RESOLVED,

That there be no more volunteer troops of horſe formed.

RESOLVED,

That in future no perſon be allowed to enter

himſelf into a volunteer company out of the diſtricts of the regiment to which he belongs.

It was moved and ſeconded, that an immediate draught of five hundred militia from the country regiments be ordered to rendezvous, at ſome place near and convenient to and for the defence of Charles-Town, in caſe that place ſhould be attacked.

A debate enſued,

And the queſtion being put,

It was paſſed in the negative.

ORDERED,

That Mr. Preſident do write to the ſeveral Colonels of the militia throughout the colony, that they do forthwith proceed to draught one third of their reſpective regiments, including volunteer companies, and hold them in conſtant readineſs to march at a minute's warning, according to the order of Congreſs or the Council of Safety for the time being; and that they do alſo, with all poſſible diſpatch, return to the ſaid Congreſs or Council, the names of the perſons to draughted and ordered to be held in readineſs.

Upon an application for a ſum of money to be employed in the recruiting ſervice for the regiment of artillery,

ORDERED,

That Mr. Preſident do iſſue his warrant for three thouſand pounds for that ſervice.

And

And two warrants were iſſued accordingly.

On motion,

ORDERED,

That Capt. Lempriere be required forthwith to attend his duty on board the ſhip Proſper: That the ſubordinate officers be immediately nominated and appointed: And that every effectual meaſure be purſued for the ſpeedy fitting and manning the ſaid ſhip of war.

The following letter was accordingly written:

By order of Congreſs.

To CLEMENT LEMPRIERE, *Eſquire.*

Charles-Town, November 21, 1775.

SIR,

YOUR preſence being abſolutely neceſſary on board the Proſper, in order to expedite her fitting out: You are therefore hereby ordered to repair on board the ſaid ſhip Proſper, there to diſcharge the duties of a Commander.

I am, Sir,

Your moſt humble Servant,

WILLIAM-HENRY DRAYTON, *Preſident,*

ORDERED,

That the contractor for victualling the forces of this colony already raiſed, be applied to, alſo to furniſh rations for the regiment of artillery to be raiſed.

ORDERED,

That Mr. Preſident do iſſue commiſſions appointing John Joiner, Eſquire, to be Commander of Fort Lyttelton, near Beaufort; and alſo to appoint him to be Captain, and Tunes Tebout and Thomas Hughes, gentlemen, to be Lieutenants of a company of artillery.

ORDERED,

That Capt. Benjamin Wofford have leave to trade here, upon his taking an oath to obſerve the ſtricteſt neutrality, agreeable to the late treaty of Ninety-ſix.

ORDERED,

That the Hon. Mr. Drayton's letter to Capt. Robert Cunningham, dated the 21ſt of September laſt, and Capt. Cunningham's anſwer, dated the 6th of October, be forthwith printed in hand-bills, to be diſtributed amongſt the inhabitants in the back country.

ORDERED,

That Mr. Preſident do iſſue his warrant for two thouſand pounds ſterling, or fifteen thouſand four hundred pounds currency, to be paid out of the treaſury, to the Commiſſioners for fitting out the ſhip Proſper, in order to be by them tendered to Capt. —— Smith, the late Maſter, as payment of the purchaſe money, or value by appraiſement.

And a warrant was accordingly iſſued.

Adjourned to eleven o'clock to-morrow.

In

In CONGRESS.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1775.

Mr. Preſident adjourned the meeting of the Congreſs to ſix o'clock in the evening.

In CONGRESS.

WEDNESDAY Evening, NOVEMBER 22, 1775.

The Congreſs met according to adjournment.

And yeſterday's journal was read.

Read a letter from the Committee of Rowan County, North-Carolina, dated October 23, 1775, recommending, that no trade or intercourſe be carried on with perſons who cannot produce certificates of their being friends to the American cauſe.

Read alſo, a letter from Capt. Edward Blake, of this day's date,—incloſing a certificate of the value, by appraiſement, of ſix ſcooners, ſunk on the bars of Hog-Iſland Creek, and the Marſh Channels, to obſtruct the paſſage of ſhips of war thro' thoſe channels, amounting to four thouſand five hundred pounds.

ORDERED,

That Mr. Preſident do iſſue his warrant for payment of the ſaid ſum of four thouſand five hundred pounds, to Capt. Blake, in order to pay for ſaid ſcooners,

And

And a warrant was iſſued accordingly.

Read a letter from Clement Lempriere, Eſq; declining to take upon him the command of the ſhip to which he had been appointed by this Congreſs.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

In CONGRESS.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 1775.

The Congreſs met according to adjournment.

And the journal of yeſterday was read.

Capt. Lempriere's letter laid before the Congreſs yeſterday, being again read.

ORDERED,

That Mr. Preſident do iſſue a commiſſion, appointing Capt. Simon Tufts to the command of the ſhip Proſper, armed in the colony ſervice.

ORDERED,

That Capt. Robert Cochran have leave to take ſtone ballaſt, for the uſe of the colony veſſels, from ſuch parts of the fortifications, where ſuch taking may be leaſt injurious to the works.

ORDERED,

That the ordnance ſtore-keeper do from time to time deliver to the commanding officer of the rement of artillery, from the public arſenal, ſuch ſtores

ſtores as the ſaid officer ſhall require, taking receipts for the ſame, and making proper indorſements on the general account of public ſtores in his cuſtody, ſo that what remains may be ſeen at one view.

Col. Pinckney, from the Committee on the ſtate of the colony, made a further report, reſpecting the militia.

Which being immediately taken into conſideration, the Congreſs thereupon

RESOLVED,

That all perſons ſhall do patrol duty in the diſtrict wherein they reſpectively reſide, under the command and direction of the Captain of the diſtrict, without regard to their having entered into a volunteer company.

RESOLVED,

That it be recommended to the commanding Officers of the regiments of militia, without delay, to oblige all the inhabitants to do duty in ſome company or other, ſo that no one, who by law is obliged to do duty in times of an alarm, ſhall be excuſed.

RESOLVED,

That where any perſon hath regularly entered into a volunteer company, he ſhall not be at liberty to leave the ſame, without giving his Captain three months notice in writing, of his intention

tion to do ſo, and without firſt producing to his ſaid Captain a certificate from ſome other Captain of the regiment, that he hath enrolled himſelf in another company; unleſs the commanding Officer of the regiment ſhall, on ſufficient cauſe to him ſhewn, make order to the contrary.

RESOLVED,

That it be recommended to the Council of Safety, without delay, to divide the ſeveral regiments in the Colony into different regiments or battalions, ſo as not to have leſs than ſeven hundred and fifty men in each regiment or battalion.

Capt. William Cattell reported the ſituation of the troops on duty at Dorcheſter, and ſome inconveniences which they laboured under.

Read a letter from Captain Peyer-Imhoff, on the ſame ſubject, dated Dorcheſter, November 21, 1775.

ORDERED,

That the contractor for ſupplying the colony infantry with proviſions, be deſired alſo to ſupply the Rangers poſted at Dorcheſter, until further orders.

ORDERED,

That the Secretary do forthwith advertiſe all perſons willing to ſupply rations to the regiment of artillery in the colony ſervice, to deliver in their propoſals, ſealed up, to him, by the 25th inſtant.

ORDERED,

ORDERED,

That the Lieutenant-Colonel Commandant be desired to cause the said corps to be properly supplied, until a contractor shall be appointed by this Congress, or the Council of Safety, for the time being.

On motion,

RESOLVED,

That the pay of the Commander of the colony scooner Defence, be three pounds currency per day.

ORDERED,

That Mr. President do issue his warrant for the payment of the sum of one thousand pounds currency, to Capt. Simon Tufts, in part of account, for pay due to the officers and seamen employed on board the colony scooner Defence.

Dr. Gould, surgeon to the first regiment of foot, attended, made a verbal report of the state of the troops in the barracks, and represented some grievances.

ORDERED,

That Doctor Oliphant, Capt. Shubrick, and Capt. John Huger, be a Committee to enquire into the state of the hospitals, with power to supply such articles as they shall appear to stand in immediate need of.

ORDERED,

That the Committee for the parish of St. George, Dorchester, be desired to purchase a flat, for the use of the troops stationed there.

On Motion,

RESOLVED,

That the leading marks over Charles-Town Bar, be forthwith cut down and demolished.

ORDERED,

That the Commissioners of the Pilotage be desired to carry the above resolve into immediate execution.

ORDERED,

That so much of the blue cloth as has been lately imported at the public expence, as shall be necessary for cloathing the first and second regiments of foot, be forthwith issued for that purpose.

A petition and remonstrance, signed John Dunn, and Benjamin-Booth Boote, was presented—and laid on the table.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

In CONGRESS.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 1775.

The Congress met according to adjournment.

And yesterday's journal was read.

Col.

Col. Laurens from the Committee for auditing the public accounts, reported one as proper to be paid, due to Capt. Hammond, and amounting to two hundred and twenty-ſix pounds, and twelve ſhillings.

ORDERED,

That Mr. Preſident do iſſue his warrant for payment of ſaid ſum.

And a warrant was iſſued accordingly.

Read a letter from David Monaghan, a Lieutenant in the regiment of Rangers, dated Dorcheſter, Nov. 8, 1775, requeſting leave to reſign, on account of his ill ſtate of health.

ORDERED,

That Mr. Monaghan's reſignation be accepted; and that Mr. Preſident do iſſue a commiſſion appointing Mr. John Liſle to fill up the vacancy.

Read a letter from the Provincial Council of North-Carolina, dated Wilmington, November 10, 1775.

James Ravenell, Eſq; was returned duly elected a repreſentative of the pariſh of St. John, Berkley County, in the room of John Harleſton, Eſq; who had declined ſerving.

Mr. Ravenell at the ſame time declining to ſerve.

RESOLVED,

That the Church-wardens of the pariſh of St.

John, Berkley County, be desired forthwith to summon the inhabitants of the said parish, to meet at the usual place of election, on Monday the fourth day of December next, to choose a proper person to represent the said parish in the present Congress, in the room of James Ravenell, Esq; who has declined to serve.

ORDERED,

That a copy of the above resolve be forthwith transmitted to the said Church-wardens.

The Committee on the state of the colony delivered in a further report;

Which being taken into immediate consideration,

RESOLVED,

That the Colonels of the militia in the country, do, at least once in three months, muster their regiments in battalions, not exceeding six companies, nor less than three companies.

WHEREAS complaint hath been made, that divers merchants and store-keepers have sold their goods at an exorbitant price since the non-exportation of merchandize from Great-Britain:

RESOLVED,

That it be recommended to the several district and parochial Committees, to make inquiry, whether the merchants and store-keepers, in their several parishes and districts, have sold their goods at more than the usual advance; and if any of them should be found exorbitant in that

respect

reſpect, that they be advertiſed by the Committee as contemners of the reſolves of the Continental and Provincial Congreſs.

ORDERED,

That the Parochial Committee of St. George, Dorcheſter have power, and they are hereby impowered, to hire or impreſs a ſcooner and hands, to carry bricks for the public works erecting at Dorcheſter.

ORDERED,

That the Rev. Mr. Tennent, the Rev. Mr. Harris, Capt. Harrington, Capt. Calhoun, Capt. Hammond, Capt. John Huger, and Mr. Ferguſon, be a Committee to conſider and report, what manufactures are proper to be encouraged and eſtabliſhed in this colony, and the beſt means for encouraging and eſtabliſhing the ſame.

ORDERED,

That Capt. Henry Falder, be authorized to grain the damaged gunpowder lying in Fort Charlotte.

Mr. Edwards from the Committee for fitting out the ſhip Proſper, reported, that they had tendered to Capt. Smith, the appraiſed value of the ſaid ſhip, and required an aſſignment of the ſaid ſhip and regiſter: That Capt. Smith had refuſed to receive the ſum tendered to him, or to execute an aſſignment,—but that he had delivered up the regiſter (now put into the hands of Mr. Preſident,)

and

and that they had thereupon returned the money into the treaſury.

The ſaid Committee at the ſame time recommending, that, in order to enable Capt. Smith to procure neceſſaries and a paſſage, the ſum of two hundred and forty-five pounds currency be iſſued from the treaſury, and paid to him.

ORDERED,

That Mr. Preſident do iſſue his warrant for the payment of the ſaid ſum to Capt. Smith.

And a warrant was iſſued accordingly.

In explanation of the order of Monday laſt to the Colonel of the Granville County regiment of militia, to draught one hundred and fifty men from the ſaid regiment, to do gariſon duty at or near Fort-Lyttelton, Port-Royal: Be it

RESOLVED,

That the ſaid Colonel have power to engage volunteers for that ſervice, if they can be ſooner got, in preference to a draught; and to poſt them according to his diſcretion.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

In CONGRESS.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 1775.

The Congreſs met according to adjournment.

And

And the journal of yeſterday was read.

ORDERED,

That the public Ordnance Store-keeper, do deliver to Mr. Joſeph Verree, out of the public arſenal, ſuch ſpikes and other iron-work as he ſhall require, for the uſe of the new battery on James-Iſland.

William Moore, Eſq; a repreſentative of the diſtrict of Ninety-ſix, attended, and took his ſeat in Congreſs: And gave ſome information of a ſkirmiſh, ſaid to have happened laſt Monday, between the enemies of this country, led by Patrick Cunningham, Jacob Bowman and others, and a body of militia, under the command of Major Andrew Williamſon.

ORDERED,

That Mr. Edward Weyman be deſired forthwith to collect together all the public gunpowder ſtill outlying in private hands, and to cauſe the ſame to be depoſited in the public magazine.

ORDERED,

That Lieut. Col. Roberts be required forthwith to go to Dorcheſter, and give directions for putting the Magazine Fort in ſuch poſture as he ſhall think will beſt enable it to repel any ſudden attack that may be made upon it, and to order the cannon to ſuch places and in ſuch manner as he ſhall deem the moſt proper for its defence; and

and then to repair to his poſt at Fort Johnſon with all diſpatch. And that while the Colonel ſhall be at Dorcheſter, he ſhall there reconnoitre the ground, and examine the plans projected for the defence thereof; and if he finds them deficient, that he do make ſuch alterations in them as he ſhall think proper, or totally reject them, and delineate ſuch a plan as he may think will moſt conduce to the rendering it a ſtrong armed poſt.

ORDERED,

That the Committee of the pariſh of St. George, Dorcheſter, be and they are hereby authorized and impowered to hire or impreſs negroes, horſes, waggons, carts, and every thing elſe, neceſſary for giving diſpatch to the completing of the works of defence proper to be erected at that poſt.

ORDERED,

That the ſaid Committee be authorized and required forthwith to procure, and depoſit in a proper magazine for that purpoſe, at that poſt, a ſufficient quantity of proviſions, for victualling a body of one thouſand men for one month.

On motion,

RESOLVED,

That this Colony be now, and it is hereby declared to be, in a ſtate of actual alarm, as fully, and effectually, as if the ſame had been proclaimed in the manner and form directed and appointed by the militia law.

A motion

A motion was made, that it be referred to a Committee, to fix on a proper place of rendezvous, for the militia which may be thought neceſſary to be draughted.

A debate enſued.

And the queſtion being put,

It paſſed in the negative.

On motion,

RESOLVED,

That ſix hundred men from Col. Powell's regiment, and alſo ſix hundred men from Col. Rothmahler's, the upper part, be forthwith detached and marched to rendezvous at Congarees; and that one hundred and fifty men of Col. Bull's regiment be likewiſe detached and marched to the Cherokee Ponds: And that theſe ſeveral detachments do act under the orders of Col. Richard Richardſon.

On Motion,

RESOLVED,

That the ſame pay and proviſion be allowed to any volunteers, officers and privates, from Georgia, who may enter into the public ſervice of this colony, as is provided for the militia officers and privates of this colony.

ORDERED,

That Lieut. Col. Roberts be deſired to diſpatch Lieut. James Mitchell, of the regiment of artillery

under his command, to join the army under Col. Richardſon.

ORDERED,

That the public Ordnance Store-keeper do deliver to Lieut. James Mitchell, two pieces of cannon, four or ſix-pounders, with the neceſſary ſtores thereto belonging, for the uſe of the army under Col. Richardſon.

RESOLVED,

That the Committee of St. David's pariſh be authorized to purchaſe what lead they can get, on the public account.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

In CONGRESS.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1775.

The Congreſs met according to adjournment.

And the journal of yeſterday was read.

Mr. Preſident reported the following copies of letters, written by him, by their order:

By Authority of Congreſs.

Charles-Town, Nov. 25, 1775.

SIR,

YOU are hereby ordered, with all poſſible diſpatch, to detach ſix hundred men of your regiment, to

to rendezvous at the Congarees, to act under the orders of Col. Richardſon.

I am, Sir,

Your moſt humble Servant,

WILLIAM-HENRY DRAYTON, *Preſident.*

To Col. Powell.

A like letter was written to Col. Rothmahler, to detach ſix hundred men from the upper part of his regiment.

And alſo a like letter to Col. Bull, to detach one hundred and fifty men from his regiment, to rendezvous at the Cherokee Ponds.

By Authority of Congreſs.

Charles-Town, Nov. 25, 1775.

SIR,

COL. Powell and Col. Rothmahler, are each ordered to detach, with all poſſible expedition, ſix hundred men of their reſpective regiments, to rendezvous at the Congarees, to act under your orders: and Col. Bull is likewiſe ordered to detach one hundred and fifty men, to rendezvous at the Cherokee Ponds, on the ſame ſervice. You will, therefore, Sir, ſend your orders for thoſe forces accordingly.

Lieutenant Mitchell, of the regiment of artillery, is under orders to repair to you, with two pieces of cannon: He will ſet out, I hope, in two or three days.

We have not yet heard the iſſue of the late affair at Ninety-ſix: We think there is reaſon to apprehend, that the event is unfavourable to us. At any rate, your conduct ought to be as vigorous as poſſible, and no leſs cautious. Therefore, if the enemy are ſuperior in number to your army, you muſt keep out of their reach, or you muſt ſo poſt yourſelf as to be able to maintain your ſtation againſt their attacks, until your force ſhall put you in a condition to cruſh them. In ſhort, you are not to venture a general engagement, unleſs you have ſuch advantages as promiſe ſucceſs.

I am, Sir,

Your moſt humble Servant,

WILLIAM-HENRY DRAYTON, *Preſident.*

To Col. Richardſon.

Major Pinckney, from the Committee to conſider of, ſtate, and bring into one view, the powers and authorities proper to be veſted in, and exerciſed by, the Council of Safety, delivered in their report.

Mr. Preſident then reported the names of the gentlemen who had, on the 16th inſtant, been duly elected Members of the Council of Safety.

And thereupon it was

RESOLVED,

That Col. Charles Pinckney, Col. Henry Laurens, the Hon. Henry Middleton, Thomas Ferguſon,

guſon, Arthur Middleton, Thomas Heyward, jun. Eſqrs. the Hon. William Henry Drayton, the Hon. Rawlins Lowndes, Thomas Bee, Benjamin Elliott, James Patſons, David Oliphant, and Thomas Savage, Eſqrs. be, and they are hereby declared to be, the Council of Safety for this colony.

The report of the Committee, on the powers and authorities proper to be veſted in, and exerciſed by, the Council of Safety, was then taken under conſideration.

And the Congreſs thereupon reſolved and ordained as follows:

Firſt. Whereas it is neceſſary, to veſt the Council of Safety of this colony for the time being, with powers to enable them to act effectually, for the public ſafety and defence: BE IT ORDAINED, by the repreſentatives of the people of South-Carolina, in Congreſs aſſembled, and it is hereby ORDAINED, by the authority of the ſame, That the Council of Safety, or a quorum conſiſting of ſeven members, or a majority of ſuch quorum, ſhall have, and they are hereby inveſted with, the direction, regulation, maintenance, and ordering of the land and ſea forces, and of the militia, and all military eſtabliſhments and arrangements within this colony, ſubject always to the controul of the Congreſs.

Second. AND BE IT ALSO ORDAINED, That the Council, or a majority of them, as aforeſaid, ſhall have full power and authority, to appoint officers, and to fill up vacancies in the land and ſea forces,

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in the militia, and in the treaſury of this colony. And that they be impowered to ſuſpend any officer of the army or navy, when they ſhall judge it neceſſary; and ſhall within a convenient time, not exceeding forty days after ſuch ſuſpenſion, order a general court-martial to ſit for the trial of ſuch officer, whoſe ſentence ſhall be final, unleſs it ſhall be otherwiſe determined by the Provincial Congreſs.

Third. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, by the authority aforeſaid, That if, upon any exigency, it ſhall appear neceſſary to the Council of Safety, to call forth the militia, they ſhall have full power and authority, to carry the acts of Aſſembly for regulating the militia of this colony, in all reſpects, into execution, as in time of alarm.

Fourth. AND BE IT ALSO ORDAINED, That if any complaint be made againſt any officer of the militia, the Council of Safety, after having inquired into the truth of it, and heard the defence of the officer, if he hath any, may remove ſuch officer, if they judge the complaint to be juſt, and forthwith appoint another in his ſtead.

Fifth. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That the Commiſſioners of the Treaſury, ſhall be under the direction of the ſaid Council of Safety, or a majority of them as aforeſaid, and ſhall be obliged to iſſue and pay all ſuch orders as ſhall be drawn by them, for anſwering the demands of the public ſervice, and no otherwiſe.

Sixth.

Sixth, AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That the Council of Safety, or a majority as aforeſaid, be impowered and authorized, to do all ſuch matters and things relative to the ſtrengthening, ſecuring, and defending the colony, as ſhall by them be judged and deemed expedient and neceſſary. *Provided nevertheleſs*, That nothing herein contained ſhall extend, or be conſtrued to extend, to impower and authorize the ſaid Council, or majority as aforeſaid, to diſpenſe with, or annul any act, reſolution, or order of the Continental or Provincial Congreſs.

A motion was made to ſtrike out the above *Proviſo*, ſo far:

But upon a queſtion,

It paſſed in the negative.

A motion was then made to diſagree to the following words, concluding the ſaid *Proviſo*—" or to " impower and authorize them to nominate and ap- " point a General or Generals over the military forces " of this colony."

And the queſtion being put,

It paſſed in the negative.

Seventh. AND BE IT ALSO ORDAINED, That the Provincial Congreſs will indemnify the Council of Safety, in all their acts and proceedings under the authority of the Congreſs.

Eighth. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That thirteen members, elected in Congreſs, as members of

of a Council of Safety, together with the Delegates of this colony to the Continental Congreſs, ſhall be, and they are hereby declared, the Council of Safety for this colony. Provided always, That no perſon holding a military commiſſion in the regular forces of this colony, or in the continental army, ſhall be capable of poſſeſſing a ſeat, or of having a voice in the ſaid Council.

Ninth. AND BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED, That the ſaid Council of Safety ſhall continue in office, and exerciſe the powers thereunto annexed, until the end of the next ſeſſions, and under the controul of Congreſs. And in caſe of any vacancy in the Council of Safety, during the receſs of the Congreſs, by death or departure from the colony (except upon public buſineſs) the General Committee for the time being, after having given ſix weeks public notice thereof in the Gazettes, ſhall, by ballot, fill up every ſuch vacancy.

Read the reſolve of the Continental Congreſs, of the 6th of October laſt, recommending to arreſt and ſecure perſons dangerous to the ſafety of the colony, or the liberties of America.

After ſome debate thereon,

The further conſideration thereof was poſtponed.

And the Congreſs adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

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In CONGRESS.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 1775.

The Congreſs met according to adjournment.

And the journal of yeſterday was read.

Major Elliott, of the regiment of artillery, having made application for bounty money to raiſe recruits for that corps—and for directions where to place the ſaid recruits as they ſhall be raiſed:

ORDERED,

That Mr. Preſident do iſſue his warrant on the Treaſury, for the payment of fourteen hundred pounds currency, to Major Barnard Elliott, for the recruiting ſervice in the regiment of artillery, to be accounted for. And that the recruits for the ſaid regiment be poſted at the moſt convenient and near places to the ſeveral batteries in Charles-Town, under the command of the artillery; and that ſuch places be fitted up accordingly.

An account of Capt. Robert Cochran, amounting to one hundred and thirty pounds and five ſhillings, being laid before the Congreſs,

ORDERED,

That Mr. Preſident do iſſue his warrant for the payment thereof.

And a warrant was iſſued accordingly.

On motion,

RESOLVED,

That Col. Moultrie be directed forthwith to order a detachment of forty privates, who are beſt acquainted with maritime affairs, to do duty and ſerve on board the armed ſhip Proſper, for one month, unleſs ſooner diſcharged by proper authority.

On Motion,

RESOLVED,

That the Delegates of this colony in the Continental Congreſs, be immediately applied to, to uſe their utmoſt endeavours to procure two hundred able ſeamen, to be engaged in the Northern colonies, and ſent hither with all poſſible diſpatch, for manning the armed veſſels in the colony ſervice. And that they be requeſted to cauſe the encouragement offered by this colony, to be made as public as poſſible.

A motion was made, that previous to any attack upon the men of war in the Road, the intended attack upon ſuch ſhips, ſhall be notified to Lord William Campbell, if he ſhall then be on board.

A debate enſued,

And the queſtion being put,

Reſolved in the affirmative.

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On motion,

RESOLVED,

That the Council of Safety do pay ſuch accounts as to them ſhall appear reaſonable, for the ſubſiſtence in diet, for the ferriage, and for the carriage of the ſick, of recruits for the provincial forces, from their inliſtment to the time of their being brought to head quarters.

On motion.

RESOLVED,

That the powers of the General Committee, the Committee of Obſervation, and all the parochial and diſtrict Committees throughout the colony, be, and they are, hereby revived and continued.

A motion being made, that the commiſſions iſſued by the late Council of Safety to Capt. Allſton's volunteer company of Foot-Rangers or Rovers, in the Craven County militia, be withdrawn,

A debate aroſe,

And the queſtion being put,

It paſſed in the negative.

A motion was then made, that the late Council of Safety's appointment of the company of Foot-Rangers or Rovers, being confirmed, the ſaid company is hereby declared ſubject to patrol duty, and liable to be called out upon emergencies, by the field officers of the diſtrict; alſo ſub-

ject to the orders of the commander in chief of any embodyed troops, with which the ſaid company ſhall be called into ſervice.

A debate enſued,

And the queſtion being put,

It was reſolved in the affirmative.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow.

In CONGRESS.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1775.

The Congreſs met according to adjournment.

And yeſterday's journal was read.

On motion,

RESOLVED,

That Wappoo Cut be forthwith cleared and deepened, ſo as to render it navigable for veſſels of greater burthen than hitherto have or at preſent can paſs through it.

ORDERED,

That Meſſrs. Iſaac Rivers, Thomas Roſe, and Richard Hutſon, be, and they are, hereby appointed commiſſioners to cauſe the above reſolve to be carried into immediate execution.

On motion,

RESOLVED,

That a battery of two or three pieces of cannon

non be forthwith erected on the wharf of William Gibbes, Eſq; by the commiſſioners appointed to erect the additional batteries lately ordered for the defence of the harbour of Charles-Town.

Mr. George-Abbot Hall, from the commiſſioners of the Pilotage, reported, that agreeable to the order of Congreſs, they had yeſterday cauſed the leading mark over Charles-Town Bar to be cut down and deſtroyed.

On motion,

RESOLVED,

That the returns ſent by the ſeveral Sheriffs of this colony, to the Secretary (in conſequence of an order of the late General Committee) of the perſons confined in their reſpective gaols, be referred to a Committee.

ORDERED,

That the Hon. Mr. Lowndes, Mr. John Rutledge, and Mr. Arthur Middleton, be a Committee to whom the above returns be referred; and that they do conſider and report what meaſures are proper to be adopted thereon.

On motion,

RESOLVED,

That the Council of Safety deviſe and take ſuch ſteps, as that the priſoners in the common gaols, whoſe offences are bailable, be diſcharged upon proper bail, and for the relief of poor debtors.

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Doctor Oliphant, from the Committee appointed to examine into the ſtate of the hoſpitals, delivered in their report.

Which being taken into immediate conſideration,

RESOLVED,

That a general hoſpital for ſick and wounded men of the provincial land forces, for ſeamen, and the militia, be eſtabliſhed: And that a director-general thereof be appointed.

ORDERED,

That the foregoing reſolve be referred to the Council of Safety, to be by them carried into execution.

On motion,

RESOLVED,

That one-third of the Berkley County regiment of militia, one-third of the Colleton County regiment, and two hundred men from the Granville County regiment (the ſea iſlands excepted) be forthwith draughted, and marched to the general rendezvous at Dorcheſter. That the two remaining thirds of the ſaid regiments be held in readineſs, to relieve thoſe draughts, according to orders. And that the Indian company of Rovers, commanded by Capt. John Alliſton, be ordered to ſcour the ſea coaſt from Sewee Bay to Haddrel's Point, ſubject to the orders of the Council of Safety.

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On motion,

RESOLVED,

That the Commitees for the ſea iſlands be, and they are, hereby authorized and required forthwith to erect look-outs at the ſame places, and cauſe the ſame ſignals of alarm and notices to be given, as have been uſual in time of war. And that this Congreſs will cauſe the expence thereof to be paid.

Inaſmuch as it is the ſenſe of the Continental Congreſs, that Charles-Town ought to be defended to the laſt extremity, againſt any attack; and this Congreſs think ſuch defence abſolutely neceſſary; and an attack is apprehended: Therefore,

RESOLVED,

That it be recommended, and it is hereby recommended, that all ſuch perſons who are by law conſidered as reſidents in Charles-Town, and liable to bear arms, and have departed, do forthwith return to Charles-Town: And that all perſons, reſidents as aforeſaid, and liable to bear arms, and who are in Charles-Town, do not depart therefrom.

A motion being made for the addition of the words, "*without permiſſion firſt had and obtained,*" to the above reſolve.

A debate enſued,

And the queſtion being put,

It paſſed in the negative.

ORDERED,

ORDERED,

That all the reſolves entered into by this Congreſs, during their preſent ſeſſion, reſpecting the militia of this colony, be forthwith printed and publiſhed, in hand bills, and alſo in the Gazettes.

Adjourned to ſix o'clock in the evening.

In CONGRESS.

TUESDAY Evening, NOVEMBER 28, 1775.

The Congreſs met according to adjournment.

On Motion,

RESOLVED,

That Lieut. Col. Roberts, or the commanding officer of the regiment of artillery, in Charles-Town, be, and he is hereby, authorized and impowered, to cauſe proper forges, for heating cannon balls, to be forthwith erected and built, at or near ſuch bateries as he ſhall think them neceſſary.

ORDERED,

That Capt. Gillon be added to the Commiſſioners for fitting out, arming, and manning the ſhip Proſper.

ORDERED,

That Commiſſions be made out to fill up the vacancies in Col. Powell's regiment of militia.

ORDERED,

ORDERED,

That three hundred pounds weight of gunpowder be delivered, out of the public ſtock reſerved for the inland defence of this colony, to the order of the Committee of St. David's pariſh, to be diſtributed amongſt ſuch of the men in Col. Powell's regiment as are unprovided, to be by them reſerved for public uſes only.

Whereas we have intelligence, that a certain perſon has been ſent by General Gage, to raiſe recruits in this colony, for an army whoſe object is to kill and deſtroy the innocent inhabitants of theſe colonies: It is therefore declared, by authority of Congreſs, that this colony will conſider ſuch an attempt, by any man, as the higheſt crime againſt the peace, liberty, and ſafety of its inhabitants; and that any perſon found ſo offending, will be treated with all that rigour which the nature of ſo enormous a crime deſerves. The inhabitants of this colony are therefore warned againſt the baſe and cruel attempts of any ſuch emiſſaries: And all manner of perſons are hereby requeſted to be watchful to detect and ſeize any and every ſuch perſon: And all reaſonable charges ſhall be borne by the public, and a handſome reward allowed for apprehending and ſecuring him or them.

ORDERED,

That eleven hundred pounds weight of gunpowder, and a proportionable quantity of cannon balls, be delivered to the Hon. Major Elliott, for

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the uſe of the ſeveral batteries under the direction of the artillery.

ORDERED,

That the journals of the preſent Seſſion of Congreſs, be printed with all poſſible diſpatch; and when printed, delivered to the Committee of Intelligence, in order to be by them diſpatched three to each Delegate throughout the colony, who ſhall properly diſtribute the ſame.

The Rev. Mr. Tennent, from the Committee on the ſtate of manufactories in this colony, delivered in a further report,

Which being read, and taken into immediate conſideration:

And the whole report being gone through, the Congreſs came to the following reſolutions thereupon, viz.

RESOLVED,

That a premium of two hundred pounds currency, be given to the perſon erecting a ſalt-petre work in this colony, that ſhall firſt produce fifty pounds weight of good and merchantable ſalt-petre: Alſo a premium of one hundred and fifty pounds, to the perſon erecting the ſecond work, that ſhall next produce a like quantity of like ſalt-petre: Alſo a premium of one hundred pounds currency, to the perſon erecting a third work, producing the next like quantity and quality of ſalt-petre:

petre: And a premium of fifty pounds currency, to the perſon who ſhall next manufacture a like quantity and quality of ſalt-petre from a fourth work: provided, that ſuch parcels of ſalt-petre as aforeſaid, ſhall have been produced before the Committees of the pariſhes or diſtricts reſpectively, where the ſame ſhall have been manufactured, and ſhall have been by the parties ſo producing, declared upon oath, on or before the firſt day of September next, before the Committees aforeſaid, to have been manufactured as aforeſaid. And that, upon the ſaid Committees granting certificates, that the ſalt-petre is good and merchantable, and when produced before them, the premiums to which the ſaid parcels of ſalt-petre are reſpectively intitled, ſhall be paid accordingly. And that the public will purchaſe, and allow half a dollar the pound, for all the good and merchantable ſalt-petre that ſhall be produced and manufactured in this colony, before the ſaid firſt day of September next, over and above the premiums aforeſaid.

RESOLVED,

That a premium of two hundred pounds currency, be given to the perſon who ſhall erect a ſulphur work in this colony, that ſhall firſt produce one hundred pounds weight of merchantable ſulphur: A premium of one hundred pounds, to the perſon erecting a like work, producing the next like quantity and quality: And a premium of fifty pounds, for the like quantity and quality of ſulphur manufactured at a third work. The proofs to be made, certificates obtained, and premiums to be

paid, in like manner as for ſalt-petre. And that the public will purchaſe, and give for all the merchantable ſulphur that ſhall be made in the colony, before the firſt day of September next, five ſhillings currency the pound, over and above the premiums aforeſaid.

RESOLVED,

That a premium of one thouſand pounds currency be given to the perſon who ſhall erect a bloomery in this colony, that ſhall firſt produce, manufactured thereat, one ton of good bar iron: A premium of eight hundred pounds to the perſon erecting another bloomery, whereat the next like quantity of bar iron ſhall have been manufactured: And a premium of ſeven hundred pounds to the perſon erecting a third ſuch work, whereat ſhall have been manufactured a like quantity of like iron. Theſe premiums over and above the common prices of ſuch iron.

RESOLVED,

That a premium of five hundred pounds currency, ſhall be given to the perſon who ſhall erect a proper work in this colony, for manufacturing good bar ſteel, upon his producing five hundred pounds weight, made thereat: A like premium to the perſon who ſhall produce the next like quantity, made at another like work: And alſo a premium of five hundred pounds currency, to the perſon, who from a third like work, ſhall produce the like quantity.

RESOLVED,

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That a premium of ſeven hundred pounds currency, be given to the perſon who ſhall produce the firſt one thouſand pounds weight of nail rods, manufactured at a proper rolling and ſlitting mill, erected by him in this colony, over and above the common price.

RESOLVED,

That a premium of one hundred and fifty pounds currency, over and above the common price, be given to the perſon who ſhall firſt make fifty large and ſubſtantial gun locks, ſuch as are commonly called bridle locks, and ſell at thirty-five to forty-five ſhillings each; the manufacturer engaging to proceed in the buſineſs.

RESOLVED,

That a premium of three hundred pounds currency, be given to the perſon who ſhall erect the firſt proper works for manufacturing of ſalt in this colony, upon one hundred buſhels of good ſalt having been produced therefrom. And a premium of two hundred pounds to the perſon producing from other like works, the next like quantity of good ſalt.

RESOLVED,

That a permium of five hundred pounds currency, be given to the perſon who ſhall firſt erect and eſtabliſh a proper paper mill in this colony; upon producing three reams of good writing paper, manufactured thereat.

RESOLVED

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That a premium of five hundred pounds currency be given to the perſon who ſhall firſt erect a proper work for manufacturing lead in this colony, on producing one thouſand pounds weight made at ſaid work. A premium of two hundred pounds, to the perſon who ſhall next produce one thouſand pounds of lead, manufactured at another work in this colony. And a premium of one hundred pounds, to the perſon who ſhall erect a third ſuch work, producing the like quantity of lead.

RESOLVED,

That this Congreſs will give the ſame premiums and encouragement for the manufacturing of linens, cottons, and other articles, as are allowed and given by an act of the General Aſſembly of this colony, paſſed in the year 1770; and for the manufacturing of woollens in proportion.

And further, it is

RESOLVED,

That application, oath, and certificate, relative to the manufacturing every article, upon which premiums are to be given, ſhall be made and granted, by the manufacturers reſpectively, and the Committees, as ſtated and ſpecified in relation to ſalt-petre.

Adjourned to nine o'clock to-morrow morning.

In

In CONGRESS.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1775.

The Congreſs met according to adjournment.

And the journal of yeſterday was read.

On motion,

RESOLVED,

That all future vacancies, by the deceaſe, refuſal to act, or removal from the colony, of any members of Congreſs, or of parochial and diſtrict Committees, ſhall be filled up, in the uſual way of electing, by the inhabitants of the reſpective pariſhes or diſtricts where ſuch vacancies ſhall happen; after a time has been appointed, and ſufficient notice thereof given by the reſpective parochial or diſtrict Committees.

Daniel de Sauſſure and Robert-William Powell, Eſqrs. the Delegates ſent from this Congreſs, to the Provincial Congreſs of Georgia, upon the late commencement of hoſtilities againſt this place, returned—and reported ſome pernicious illicit practices which had come under their obſervation, relative to the diſpoſal and exportation of indico from Georgia.

Whereupon the Congreſs came to the following reſolution:

Whereas the Continental Congreſs, on the firſt day of November laſt, reſolved, "That no pro-

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" duce of the United Colonies be exported (except " from colony to colony, under the direction of " the Committees of Inſpection and Obſervation, " and except from one part to another of the ſame " colony) before the firſt day of March next, " without the permiſſion of this Congreſs. And " that no rice be exported under the exception " contained in the fourth article of the aſſocia- " tion, from any of the United Colonies, to " Great-Britain, Ireland, or the iſlands of Jerſey, " Guernſey, Sark, Alderney or Man, or any other " European iſland or ſettlement within the Britiſh " dominions :" Wherefore, to give efficacy to ſo important an act, it is hereby publiſhed and declared, to the end that all perſons govern themſelves accordingly.

ORDERED,

That Mr. Preſident be deſired to write to Georgia, relative to the exportation of indico and rice, incloſing a copy of the Continental Reſolve relative to the latter.

On motion,

RESOLVED,

That the thanks of this Congreſs be returned to the Preſident and members of the late Council of Safety, for their great diligence in their attendance on the public affairs of this colony.

And Mr. Preſident returned the thanks of the Congreſs accordingly, to thoſe gentlemen.

On

On Motion,

RESOLVED,

That Meſſrs. Andrew Frederick, Peter Mooſer, and Iſham Clayton, be, and they are hereby appointed commiſſioners for repairing and keeping in repair, the public road between the Charles-Town diſtrict line, and the line of the pariſh of St. Andrew: And that the ſaid intermediate diſtrict do elect a Diſtrict Committee, after having given proper notice of ſuch intended election.

ORDERED,

That the Committee of Intelligence do, in future, enter into proper books, to be kept for that purpoſe, minutes of all their tranſactions; together with copies of all the letters that ſhall be written by and to them: And that they do produce the books, containing whatever ſhall be done or written, by order of the Council of Safety or General Committee, to either of thoſe bodies reſpectively by whom the ſame has been ordered, whenever required ſo to do.

On motion,

RESOLVED,

That Col. Laurens, Col. Pinckney, the Hon. Mr. Lowndes, Mr. Ferguſon, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Joſeph Kerſhaw, and Col. Daniel Horry, be, and they are hereby appointed a Committee to make diligent inquiry, during the receſs of Congreſs, and report early at the next meeting thereof, what

communications between different rivers in this colony, the preſent or future circumſtances of our affairs may render abſolutely neceſſary to be opened, or prove beneficial, particularly between Santee and Cooper Rivers, and Ediſto and Aſhley Rivers —the manner in which the ſame may be moſt effectually and expediouſly carried into execution —and eſtimates of the expence that will attend the ſame.

On motion,

RESOLVED,

That the Hon. Henry Middleton, Thomas Lynch, Eſq; Col. Chriſtopher Gadſden, John Rutledge, and Edward Rutledge, Eſqrs. or any *two* of them, be, and they are hereby continued, and fully authorized, to repreſent this colony in the American Congreſs now holding at Philadelphia; with the ſame powers as were veſted in thoſe gentlemen at their election by the late Congreſs of this colony held in June laſt.

On motion,

RESOLVED,

That the counterfeiting or imitating any of the certificates iſſued and paſſing current, as money, by authority of Congreſs, or uttering, knowing the ſame to be counterfeit, be, and is hereby declared a capital offence, and puniſhable, as ſuch, by authority of Congreſs.

On motion,

RESOLVED,

RESOLVED,

That this Congreſs ſhall be adjourned to the firſt day of February next: And that thoſe members who do not attend the ſervice of their country at the ſaid adjournment, ſhall then be ſent for, at *their own expence*, unleſs good and ſatisfactory reaſons ſhall then be given for their non-attendance.

On motion,

RESOLVED,

That the making a proper compenſation to the Secretary for his ſervices, and alſo to his aſſiſtant during the preſent Seſſion of Congreſs, be left to the diſcretion of the Council of Safety.

On motion,

RESOLVED,

That the thanks of this Congreſs be returned to the ſeveral perſons who have been volunteers in, or otherwiſe engaged in hazardous ſervices, for the benefit of this colony or the common cauſe. And that the Council of Safety be authorized and impowered to beſtow honorary or other rewards, upon ſuch as they ſhall think intitled to either.

Capt. John Joiner, being preſent in Congreſs, Mr. Preſident returned him their thanks for his late ſervices.

On motion,

RESOLVED,

That the thanks of the Congreſs are due to the Rev. Mr. Tennent, and alſo to the Rev. Mr. Oliver Hart, for the important ſervices by them reſpectively rendered to this colony, in their late progreſs into the Back Country.

And the Rev. Mr. Tennent, being preſent, received the thanks of the Congreſs accordingly.

On motion,

RESOLVED,

That the thanks of this Congreſs be returned to the Hon. William-Henry Drayton, Preſident thereof, for the diligence and propriety with which he has diſcharged the duties of that important ſtation: And that the Hon. Mr. Lowndes do, on the part of the Congreſs, deliver to Mr. Preſident their thanks accordingly.

The Hon. Mr. Lowndes then addreſſed the Chair, in words to the following effect: "Mr. "Preſident, the Congreſs, ſenſible of your integri- "ty of heart, and ability of mind, placed you in "the Chair, for the moſt important purpoſes. Your "unwearied attendance, during this long ſeſſion, "and your conduct, have given the moſt perfect "ſatisfaction: You are therefore juſtly intitled to "the thanks of this Congreſs, who have made me "the inſtrument by which their thanks are pre- "ſented to you, and which, in their name, I do "preſent."

On

On motion,

RESOLVED,

That the thanks of the Congreſs be alſo preſented to Peter Timothy, their Secretary, for his great diligence, unwearied attention, and accuracy, in the execution of his office.

And thanks were accordingly returned to him from the chair.

ORDERED,

That Mr. Preſident be requeſted to tranſmit to the Council of Safety at Salisbury in North-Carolina, a copy of the petition and remonſtrance of Meſſrs. Dunn and Boote, deſiring to know their pleaſure thereon.

The Congreſs was then adjourned to Thurſday the firſt day of February next.

On motion,

RESOLVED,

That the thanks of the Congress be also presented to Peter Timothy, their Secretary, for his great diligence, unwearied attention, and accuracy, in the execution of his office.

And thanks were accordingly returned to him from the chair.

ORDERED,

That Mr. President be requested to transmit to the Council of Safety at Salisbury in North-Carolina, a copy of the preceding [illegible] remonstrance of Mr. Dunn and Boyd, [illegible] to know their [illegible] thereon.

The Congress was then adjourned to Thursday the first day of February next.

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